



**NOTIFICATION**

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| <b>1. Notifying Member:</b> AUSTRALIA<br><b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>   |
| <b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ)  |
| <b>3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Foods sold in Australia (both imported and domestically produced)   |
| <b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b><br>[X] All trading partners<br>[ ] Specific regions or countries:  |
| <b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Proposal M1019 - Assessment Summary for Review of Schedule 22 – Foods and classes of foods. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 159 (Call for Submissions report)<br><a href="http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/code/changes/Pages/Documents-for-public-comment.aspx">http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/code/changes/Pages/Documents-for-public-comment.aspx</a>   |
| <b>6. Description of content:</b> This Proposal seeks to amend the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code (the Code) to revise the regulatory measures for Schedule 22 – Food and classes of foods to align more closely with the classification system established by Codex Alimentarius (Codex) and adopted by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA). <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– As Codex continues to review their food classification system, the focus for this Proposal is primarily crop commodities, however the commodity abalone (currently listed in Schedule 20 of the Code) is proposed to be added to the group Molluscs – and other marine invertebrates under the existing type, Fish, crustaceans and molluscs under the 'Primary Food Commodities of Animal Origin'.</li><li>– The Proposed variation includes listing approximately 60 commodities in a relevant food group/sub-group or processed commodity group, which are currently listed in Schedule 20, but whilst described, not expressly listed in Schedule 22.</li><li>– Any existing Schedule 20 foods not captured by Codex or the APVMA Crop groups have also been included under a relevant food group or subgroup.</li><li>– With changes to food names and some foods moving from one classification to another, FSANZ has also proposed a number of consequential variations to ensure that all existing Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) will still apply. There are no changes to MRLs in Schedules 20 or 21.</li><li>– A number of changes to correct spelling or provide synonyms to help remove ambiguity to food names have also been proposed.</li></ul> <p>The proposed variations presented in this Proposal are intended to remove inconsistencies and promote harmonization of the commodity groups and individual food names used to describe commodities which are subject to MRLs.</p> <p>As Schedule 22 is also referenced by other sections of the Code, the proposed changes will assist trading partners requesting to align MRLs for agricultural and veterinary (agvet) chemicals for food import purposes as well as provide a consistent application of the standards throughout the Code.</p> |

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| 7.  | <b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests. This variation does not present any public health and safety concerns.  |
| 8.  | <p><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Classification of Foods and Animal Feeds 1993</li> <li>- Updated Class A – Primary Food Commodities of Plant Origin</li> </ul> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b> As Codex has only progressed and adopted the Primary Food Commodities of Plant Origin (identified as Class A by Codex), the proposed variations to Schedule 22 will not include animal or processed food commodities at this stage.</p> |
| 9.  | <b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b><br><a href="#">Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code</a> (available in English)   |
| 10. | <p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> FSANZ Board approval anticipated June 2022.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> Notification to Government anticipated late June 2022 with gazettal and registration as a legislative instrument to follow, in September 2022, pending Government consideration.</p>   |
| 11. | <p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Date of Gazettal and registration as a legislative instrument pending Government consideration (see 10. above).</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>  |
| 12. | <p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 5 May 2022</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>Australian Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment<br/>GPO Box 858<br/>Tel: +(61 2) 6272 3933<br/>E-mail: <a href="mailto:sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au">sps.contact@agriculture.gov.au</a><br/>Website: <a href="http://www.awe.gov.au">http://www.awe.gov.au</a></p>   |
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