

Adoption of recent amendments to joint food standards under the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code Notice

The Minister for Food Safety issues this notice and adopts the following recent amendments to the joint food standards under the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code, in accordance with sections 397 and 400 of the Food Act 2014.

1. Commencement

This notice comes into force 28 days after the date signed by the Minister.

2. Adoption of Amendments to the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code

- (a) This notice adopts Amendments No. 185, 186 and 187 to the joint food standards in the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code.
- (b) Despite clause 2(a), this notice does not adopt those joint food standards that make up the Australia New Zealand Food Standard Code identified as applying only in Australia.

Issued at Wellington this 18th day of September 2019.

(Signed)

Hon Damien O'Connor
Minister for Food Safety

Certified as in order for signature

(Signed)

Solicitor

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Explanatory note

This note is not part of the standards and has been included to explain their general effect.

The notice adopting recent amendments to joint food standards under the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code, adopts Amendment No. 185, 186 and 187 of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code into New Zealand domestic law (except any Australia-only variations). This is the latest amendment issued to the Food Standards Code.

The notice comes into effect 28 days after the date it was signed by the Minister.

Amendment No. 185 amends Schedule 15 and Schedule 18 to:

- allow the addition of steviol glycosides, an intense sweetener, to fruit drinks;
- allow the use of the enzyme triacylglycerol lipase as a processing aid (derived from a genetically modified strain of *Trichoderma reesei*, expressing the triacylglycerol lipase gene from *Fusarium oxysporum*);
- allow the use of the enzyme Lysophospholipase as a processing aid; and
- allow the use of lactase from a genetically modified strain of *Bacillus subtilis* as a processing aid.

Amendment No. 186 amends Schedule 18, Schedule 20, and Schedule 29 to:

- increase the maximum permitted amount of L-carnitine in formulated supplementary sports food;
- allow the use of the enzyme glucoamylase from a genetically modified strain of *Aspergillus niger* as a processing aid; and
- update Schedule 20 of the Food Standards Code for some Maximum Residue Limits (applies only to Australia).

Amendment No. 187 amends Schedule 3 and Schedule 18 to:

- allow the use of the enzyme Triacylglycerol lipase as a processing aid (derived from a genetically modified strain of *Trichoderma reesei*, expressing the triacylglycerol lipase gene from *Aspergillus tubingensis*);
- allow the use of the enzyme *Aspergillopepsin I* as a processing aid;
- allow enzymatic production of rebaudioside D; and
- allow the production of steviol glycosides from a genetically modified strain of yeast.

Adopted joint food standard subject to Legislation Act 2012

An adopted joint food standard is a disallowable instrument, but not a legislative instrument, for the purposes of the Legislation Act 2012 and must be presented to the House of Representatives under section 41 of that Act. Any person has the right to make a complaint

about an adopted joint food standard to the Regulations Review Committee.

Availability of food law

An outline of New Zealand food law, and further advisory information on this amendment, can be viewed on the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) website <http://www.mpi.govt.nz/law-and-policy/requirements/food-standards/> or can be obtained from:

Ministry for Primary Industries
Food Policy
PO Box 2835
Wellington.

Copies of all New Zealand food law, including food standards, can be viewed free of charge at MPI, 34-38 Bowen Street, Wellington, New Zealand.

The Food Standards Code can be viewed on the Food Standards Australia New Zealand website: <http://www.foodstandards.co.nz> or can be viewed free of charge at the Ministry for Primary Industries, 34-38 Bowen Street, Wellington.

Copies of the Code, or Amendments to the Code, can be purchased by subscription from: ANSTAT, PO Box 447, South Melbourne, VIC 3205, Australia, <http://www.anstat.com.au> or email: foodcode@anstat.com.au, or phone +61 3 9278 1111