

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

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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 on 3 February 2020.

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

- (a) This notice adopts Amendments No. 188, 189 and 190 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 27<sup>th</sup> Day of January 2020.

*(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. 188, 189 and 190 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 on the date specified in the notice.

Amendment No. 188 amends Standard 2.7.5, Standard 2.9.1, Standard 4.5.1, Schedule 8, Schedule 15 and Schedule 18 to:

- allow the use of potassium polyaspartate as food additive in wine;
- allow Pullulanase from genetically modified *Bacillus licheniformis* as a processing aid (Enzyme);
- reduce the minimum alcohol requirement for Tequila; and
- reduce minimum protein in follow-on formula.

Amendment 189 amends Standard 1.1.1 to prohibit the retail sale of pure and highly concentrated caffeine food products

Amendment 190 amends Standard 1.5.3 and Schedule 18 to:

- change the definition of herbs and spices for irradiation; and
- allow Alpha-Glucosidase from genetically modified *Trichoderma reesei* as a processing aid (Enzyme).

## **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](mailto:foodcode@anstat.com.au), or phone +61 3 9278 1111