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### **Standard 2.8.3 – Native bee honey**

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The Board of Food Standards Australia New Zealand gives notice of the making of this Standard under section 92 of the *Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991*. The Standard commences on the date of gazettal.

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**Note:**

This Standard will be published in the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette No. FSC 169 on 22 July 2024. This means that this date is the gazettal date for the purposes of the above notice.

## Standard 2.8.3 Native bee honey

**Note 1** This instrument is a standard under the *Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991* (Cth). The standards together make up the *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code*. See also section 1.1.1—3.

**Note 2** The provisions of the Code that apply in New Zealand are incorporated in, or adopted under, the *Food Act 2014* (NZ). See also section 1.1.1—3.

### Division 1 Preliminary

#### 2.8.3—1 Name

This Standard is *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code – Standard 2.8.3 – Native bee honey*.

**Note** Commencement:  
This Standard commences on the date of gazettal, being the date specified as the commencement date in notices in the *Gazette* and the *New Zealand Gazette* under section 92 of the *Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991* (Cth). See also section 93 of that Act.

#### 2.8.3—2 Definitions

**Note:** In this Code (see subsection 1.1.2—3(2) of Standard 1.1.2):

**Native bee honey** means the natural sweet substance produced by Australian native stingless bees from the genera *Tetragonula* or *Austroplebeia* following the collection of nectar from the blossoms of plants.

### Division 2 Requirements for food sold as native bee honey

#### 2.8.3—3 Composition

A food that is sold as native bee honey must:

- (a) be native bee honey; and
- (b) contain:
  - (i) no less than 50% reducing sugars; and
  - (ii) no more than 28% moisture; and
  - (iii) no less than 2% trehalulose.

#### 2.8.3—4 Labelling of native bee honey

For the labelling provisions:

- (a) 'honey' is a \*prescribed name for native bee honey; and
- (b) the \*prescribed name must be presented in conjunction with a description that adequately describes the true nature of native bee honey.

**Examples** 'Native bee honey', 'Native stingless bee honey', 'Australian native bee honey'

**Note** The labelling provisions are set out in Standard 1.2.1.

**Food Standards (Application A1257 – Australian native bee honey – Consequential Amendments) Variation**

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## 1 Name

This instrument is the *Food Standards (Application A1257 – Australian native bee honey – Consequential Amendments) Variation*.

## 2 Variation to Standards in the *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code*

The Schedule varies Standards in the *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code*.

## 3 Commencement

The variation commences on the date of gazettal.

### Schedule

#### [1] Standard 1.1.1 Structure of the Code and general provisions

**Subsection 1.1.1—2(2) (heading ‘Part 2.8 Sugars and honey’, after the entry relating to ‘Honey’)**

Insert:

2.8.3 Native bee honey

#### [2] Standard 1.1.2 Definitions used throughout the Code

**Subsection 1.1.2—3(2)**

Insert:

***Native bee honey*** means the natural sweet substance produced by Australian native stingless bees from the genera *Tetragonula* or *Austroplebeia* following the collection of nectar from the blossoms of plants.

#### [3] Standard 1.2.2 Information requirements – food identification

**Subsection 1.2.2—2(1) (Note 2, subparagraph (xii))**

Repeal the subparagraph, substitute:

(xii) ‘honey’ (Standards 2.8.2 and 2.8.3);

#### [4] Standard 2.9.2 Food for infants

##### [4.1] Paragraph 2.9.2—3(1)(b)

Repeal the paragraph, substitute:

- (b) the following types of food unless the food has been treated to inactivate *Clostridium botulinum* spores:
  - (i) honey;
  - (ii) native bee honey; or

##### [4.2] Paragraphs 2.9.2—7(3)(d) and (e)

Repeal the paragraphs, substitute:

- (d) the word ‘sweetened’—if the food contains more than 4 g/100 g in total of monosaccharide and disaccharide from one or more of the following sources:
  - (i) added sugars;
  - (ii) honey;
  - (iii) native bee honey; and
- (e) the word ‘sterilised’ in association with the word ‘honey’—if any of the following food has been used as an ingredient:
  - (i) honey;
  - (ii) native bee honey.

[5] **Schedule 4 Nutrition, health and related claims**

**Section S4—3 (table item related to ‘Sugar or sugars’, descriptor of ‘No added’ in column 3, paragraph (e) in column 4, subparagraphs (xi) – (xiii))**

Repeal the subparagraphs, substitute:

- (xi) native bee honey;
- (xii) malt;
- (xiii) malt extracts;
- (xiv) any of the following unless the food for sale is a prescribed beverage:
  - (A) concentrated fruit juice;
  - (B) concentrated vegetable juice;
  - (C) deionised fruit juice;
  - (D) deionised vegetable juice.

[6] **Schedule 22 Foods and classes of foods**

**Section S22—4 (heading ‘Honey and other miscellaneous primary food commodities of animal origin’, after the statement dealing with the portion of honey to which the MRL and ERL apply (and which is analysed))**

Insert:

***Native bee honey***

*Commodity:* Native bee honey.


*Portion of the commodity to which the MRL and ERL apply (and which is analysed):* whole commodity.

**Food Standards (Application A1280 – Food derived from herbicide-tolerant and insect-protected corn line DAS1131) Variation**

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**1 Name**

This instrument is the *Food Standards (Application A1280 – Food derived from herbicide-tolerant and insect-protected corn line DAS1131) Variation*.

**2 Variation to a Standard in the *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code***

The Schedule varies a Standard in the *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code*.

**3 Commencement**

The variation commences on the date of gazettal.

**Schedule**

**Schedule 26—Food produced using gene technology**

**[1] Subsection S26—3(4) (table item 2, column headed “*Food derived from:*”)**

Insert:

(zi) herbicide-tolerant and insect-protected corn line DAS1131