

**07 November 2024**  
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## **Administrative Assessment Report – Application A1314**

Permitting small dogs and cats in aircraft cabins

### **1. Application details**

<p><b>Date received:</b> 2 Sept 2024  <b>Date due for completion of administrative assessment:</b> 24 October 2024  <b>Date completed:</b> 23 October 2024</p>		
<p><b>Applicant:</b> Virgin Australia</p>		<p><b>Potentially affected standard:</b> Standard 3.2.2</p>
<p><b>Brief description of application:</b> This application seeks to amend the Code to permit companion animals (small dogs and cats) to accompany their owners aboard airline cabins under controlled conditions. The application seeks to amend the clause on live animals in areas in which food is handled (clause 24 of Standard 3.2.2).</p>		
<p><b>Procedure:</b> General [Level 5]</p>	<p><b>Maximum total variable hours:</b> 544 hours</p> <p><b>Reasons why:</b> This application will require extensive consultation with state and territory food regulatory agencies, in addition to a public consultation period.</p>	<p><b>Estimated start date for assessment:</b> Nov 2025 [if unpaid]</p>

**2. Decision**

**Consultation & assessment timeframe**

<b>Proposed length of public consultation periods:</b> 6 weeks Consultation will also include targeted consultations with jurisdictions.	
<b>Proposed timeframe for assessment</b>	
<u>General or High Level Health Claims Procedure:</u>	
Commence assessment (clock start)	mid Nov 2025
Public comment	mid April –late May 2026
Board to consider approval	mid Aug 2026
Notification to Food Ministers' Meeting (FMM)	late Aug 2026
Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	mid Nov 2026