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Administrative Assessment Report – Application A1088

Sodium Hydrosulphite as a Food Additive

Date received: 7 June 2013 Date due for completion of administrative assessment: 1 July 2013 Date completed: 27 June 2013		
Applicant: Seafood New Zealand Limited		Potentially affected Standards: 1.2.4, 1.3.1, 1.3.4
Brief description of Application: To include sodium hydrosulphite (sodium dithionite) as a food additive (antioxidant) to be used in canned abalone.		
Procedure: General	Estimated total hours: Up to 350 Reasons why: As this application is seeking permissions for a new food additive, with the same technological purpose as other already permitted additives, the assessment will be of less than average complexity.	Estimated start work: Jan 2014

Decision

Application accepted

Date: 27 June 2013

Has the Applicant requested confidential commercial information status?

Yes✓ No

What documents are affected?

Reference 17

Has the Applicant provided justification for confidential commercial information request?

Yes✓ No N/A

Has the Applicant sought special consideration e.g. novel food exclusivity, two separate applications which need to be progressed together?

Yes No✓

Charges

Does FSANZ consider that the application confers an exclusive capturable commercial benefit on the Applicant?

Yes No✓

Does the Applicant want to expedite consideration of this Application?

Yes No Not known✓

Application Handbook requirements

Which Guidelines within the Part 3 of the *Application Handbook* apply to this Application?

3.1, 3.3.1

Is the checklist completed?

Yes ✓ No

Does the Application meet the requirements of the relevant Guidelines?

Yes ✓ No

Does the Application relate to a matter that may be developed as a food regulatory measure, or that warrants a variation of a food regulatory measure?

Yes✓ No

Is the Application so similar to a previous application or proposal for the development or variation of a food regulatory measure that it ought not to be accepted?

Yes No✓

Did the Applicant identify the Procedure that, in their view, applies to the consideration of this Application?

Yes ✓ No

If yes, indicate which Procedure:

General

Consultation & assessment timeframe

Proposed length of public consultation period:

6 weeks

Proposed timeframe for assessment:

'Early Bird Notification' due: 25 July 2013

Commence assessment (clock start)	Early Jan 2014
Completion of assessment & preparation of draft food reg measure	Early May 2014
Public comment	Mid-May – late June 2014
Board to complete approval	Mid-Sept 2014
Notification to Forum	Late Sept 2014
Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Early Dec 2014