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Administrative Assessment Report – Application A1243

Harmonisation of marine biotoxin standards for bivalve shellfish

1. Application details

<p>Date received: 6 October 2021 Date due for completion of administrative assessment: 28 October 2021 Date completed: 28 October 2021</p>		
<p>Applicant: SafeFish</p>		<p>Potentially affected standards: Standard 1.4.1 Schedule 19</p>
<p>Brief description of Application: To review the current biotoxin (DST and PST) maximum levels (MLs) for bivalve molluscs in Schedule 19 to Standard 1.4.1 of the Code, with the aim of harmonising with Codex MLs for bivalve molluscs (CXS 292-2008).</p>		
<p>Procedure: General [Level 3]</p>	<p>Estimated total variable hours: Maximum of 540 variable hours</p> <p>Reasons why: This application will involve toxicological and dietary exposure assessments of average complexity.</p>	<p>Estimated start date: November 2022</p>

2. Decision

<p>Application accepted</p> <p>Date: 28 October 2021</p>

3. Additional matters

Has the Applicant requested information in the application is confidential commercial information (CCI) or confidential?

Yes – Other confidential information.

What documents are affected? Attachments 2a, 2b, 3, and reference no. 23.

Has the Applicant provided redacted copies of documents containing CCI (i.e. CCI version and non CCI version and non CCI executive summary)?

N/A

Has the Applicant provided justification for why information is CCI or confidential?

Yes

4. Charges

Does the Applicant want to expedite assessment (i.e. pay) for this Application?

No

5. Assessment against FSANZ Act 1991 requirements

Subsection 26(2)

(b) 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

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

No

(d) Are there any other matters relevant to the decision whether to accept or reject the application?

No

Does the application meet each of the following criteria required by subsection 22(2)?

(a) The application is in writing

Yes

(b) The application is in the form specified in guideline 3.1.1 of the Application Handbook

Yes

(c) The application includes all information and each thing that the section 23 guidelines of the Act state must be included in such an application.

Yes

Guideline 3.1.1 – General requirements

Guideline 3.4.1 – Chemical contaminant and natural toxicant maximum levels

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

Indicate which Procedure: General Level 1

6. Consultation & assessment timeframe

Proposed length of public consultation period:

6 weeks

Proposed timeframe for assessment

'Early Bird Notification' due: 2 December 2021

General

Commence assessment (clock start)	Early Nov 2022
Completion of assessment & preparation of draft food reg measure	Mid Feb 2023
Public comment	Late Feb to early Apr 2023
Board to complete approval	Early Aug 2023
Notification to Food Ministers' Meeting	Mid Aug 2023
Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Late Oct 2023