

17 November 2022
220-22

Administrative Assessment Report – Application A1261

Increase in the maximum energy level for machines used to generate X-rays to irradiate food

1. Application details

<p>Date received: 21 September 2022 Date due for completion of administrative assessment: 17 October 2022 Date completed: 17 October 2022</p>		
<p>Applicant: Steritech Pty Ltd</p>		<p>Potentially affected standard: Standard 1.5.3</p>
<p>Brief description of Application: To increase the maximum permitted energy level of machines generating X-rays for irradiating food from 5 to 7.5 megaelectronvolts provided that the X-ray target is made of tantalum or gold.</p>		
<p>Procedure: General level 2</p>	<p>Estimated total variable hours: 380 hours</p> <p>Reasons why: Requires toxicological and food technology assessments of average complexity and involves the development of a community communications strategy.</p>	<p>Estimated start date: October 2023</p>

2. Decision

<p>Application accepted</p> <p>Date: 17 October 2022</p>
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3. Charges

The FSANZ Act provides that a charge must be imposed if the application confers an exclusive capturable commercial benefit (ECCB) on the Applicant.

Does FSANZ consider that the application confers an ECCB on the Applicant?

No

If the application does not confer an ECCB on the applicant, the FSANZ Act provides that an applicant can choose to pay a charge to expedite assessment of their application.

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

Not known

4. 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, Guidelines 3.1.1 General requirements and 3.5.3 Irradiated foods

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

Yes

Indicate which Procedure:

General Level

5. Consultation & assessment timeframe

Proposed length of public consultation periods:

6 weeks

Proposed timeframe for assessment

'Early Bird Notification' due: 22 November 2022

General Procedure:

Commence assessment (clock start)

mid October 2023

Public comment

mid February to end March 2024

Board to complete approval

mid July 2024

Notification to Food Ministers' Meeting (FMM)

end July 2024

Anticipated gazettal if no review requested

mid October 2024

