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APPLICATION – ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENT

PA1023	<p>Date Received: 29 January 2009</p> <p>Date Due for completion of Administrative Assessment: 20 February 2009</p> <p>Date Administrative Assessment Completed: 20 February 2009</p>	
Applicant: Humane Society International		Potentially Affected Standards in the Code:
<p>Title: Method of Production Labelling for Animal-derived Food Products</p> <p>Brief Description of Application: To amend Standard 1.2.2, Standard 2.2.1 and Standard 2.2.2 such that all animal-derived food products (meat and eggs) are labelled with a limited number of nationally- consistent legally-defined terms that refer to their method of production and rearing method.</p>		<p>1.2.2</p> <p>2.2.1</p> <p>2.2.2</p> <p>Identified by FSANZ: 1.2.1</p>
<p>Procedure: Major</p> <p>Reasons why: The Application would require the variation of food regulatory measures including Parts 1 and 2 of the Code that would involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • such scientific or technical complexity that it is necessary to adopt this procedure in considering it, and • such a significant change to the scope of the food regulatory measures that it is necessary to adopt this procedure in considering it, and • a change to labelling requirements impacting on a wide range of foods. 	<p>Estimated total hours (Major Procedure) 5810</p> <p>Reasons why: The assessment of the Application will require extensive stakeholder consultation and consumer research. The Application is likely to require:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • extensive consultation with government agencies, industry and consumer groups • a benefit cost analysis of the proposed changes and a comprehensive assessment of risk management requirements • two or more rounds of public consultation • notification to the World Trade Organization • establishment of external working parties and advisory groups • the development of a complete community communications strategy to address the public concern • the development and distribution of community education material 	<p>Estimated start work:</p> <p>If the Application had been accepted and the Applicant chose not to pay to have this work commence on receipt of fees, or part thereof as permitted, work would not commence for at least two years.</p>

DECISION

Application rejected

Date: 20 February 2009

If rejected, list reasons for rejection:

The proposed variation to the Code would require a Major Assessment of the Application. The information provided in the Application is not commensurate with the information requirements for the proposed amendments.

Many references were listed in support of the proposed amendments. The *Application Handbook* requires that all claims or assertions be supported with evidence. The references were not provided.

The Application provides a list of food categories likely to be affected by the proposed amendments. FSANZ has identified that Standard 1.2.1 – Application of Labelling and Other Information Requirements of the Code would potentially be affected as it sets out certain exemptions relating to the food categories specified in the Application. The requirements of Standard 1.2.1 have not been considered in the Application.

Has the Applicant claimed Confidential Commercial Information status?

Yes No ✓

What documents are affected? N/A

Has the Applicant provided justification for Confidential Commercial Information status?
N/A

Is the Application for a High Level Health Claim?

Yes No ✓

If so, has the Applicant made an election to have FSANZ give public notice calling for submissions under s.51 of the FSANZ Act? N/A

Has the Applicant sought special consideration e.g. novel food exclusivity, two separate applications which need to be progressed together e.g. a novel food and a related high level health claim.

Yes No ✓

Details: N/A

Charges

Does FSANZ consider that the Application is subject to ECCB?

Yes No ✓

If yes, indicate the reason: N/A

Does the Applicant want to expedite consideration of this Application?

Yes No Not known ✓

Application Handbook Requirements

Which Guideline/s within the Part 3 of the *Application Handbook* apply to this Application:

Sections 3.1, 3.2.1, 3.2.4

Does the Application meet the requirements of the relevant Guideline/s?

Yes No ✓

Is the checklist completed?

Yes ✓ No

What information is not provided?

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Proposed Timeframe for Assessment: N/A