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Late Submission to Proposal 1029 - Maximum Level for Tutin in Honey

The Bee Products Standards Council Inc. (BPSC) considered the FSANZ proposal at its quarterly meeting on Monday the 25th of August, 2014.

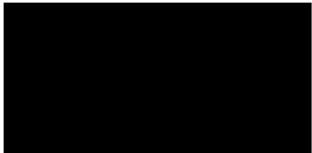
The Council acknowledges the need to reduce maximum levels and supports Option 4. Specifically the BPSC supports the FSANZ proposal to reduce the maximum level for honey from 2 mg/kg to 0.7 mg/kg, and to change the maximum level for comb honey from 0.1 mg/kg to the current analytical limit of detection of 0.01 mg/kg.

The BPSC noted that there are no transitional arrangements, but acknowledges the FSANZ development of a specific stock-in-trade provision for honey products.

With regard to industry education, the BPSC continues to provide information to the beekeeping industry. The Council is about to release an educational video which will be available through the BPSC website (www.bpsc.org.nz); on YouTube; and on an industry DVD to be distributed soon to all New Zealand beekeepers.

The BPSC looks forward to continued collaboration with FSANZ and the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries in the management of the safety of New Zealand honey.

Yours sincerely



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