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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

<b>1. Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ)
<b>3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Wine.
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> All Countries. Imported (as well as domestically produced) foods sold in New Zealand.
<b>5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Draft Assessment for Application A562 – Copper citrate as a processing aid for wine (15 pages, in English).
<b>6. Description of content:</b> FSANZ has received an Application from the Winemakers' Federation of Australia to vary Standard 1.3.3 – Processing Aids and Standard 4.5.1 – Wine Production Requirements (Australia Only) of the <i>Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code</i> in relation to the use of Copper citrate as a processing aid in winemaking, without the current restriction of it being on a bentonite base.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests  To allow the use of a wider range of copper citrate forms to give wine manufacturers access to a greater variety of products to remove sulphide compounds from their products.  All applications to change the <i>Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code</i> , must be assessed in the context of the following objectives: (a) the protection of public health and safety; (b) the provision of adequate information relating to food to enable consumers to make informed choices; and (c) the prevention of misleading or deceptive conduct.
<b>8. International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b> .
<b>9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> <i>Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code</i> (English)
<b>10. Proposed date of adoption:</b> Notification to Government anticipated August 2007 with adoption (gazettal) to follow, pending Government consideration.

**11. Proposed date of entry into force:** Date of Gazettal pending Government consideration (see 10. above).

**12. Final date for comments:** 8 June 2007

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