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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Food Standards Australia New Zealand
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): Water-based flavoured drinks (e.g. soft drinks, cordials) and tabletop sweeteners.
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All Countries. Imported (as well as domestically produced) foods sold in New Zealand.
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Draft Assessment for Proposal P287 – Review of Cyclamate Permissions in All Foods. (90 pages, in English).
6. Description of content: FSANZ has prepared a Proposal to vary Standard 1.3.1 – Food Additives of the <i>Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code</i> in relation to limits of cyclamate that may be added to water-based flavoured drinks and tabletop sweeteners.
7. Objective and rationale: <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 protect public health and safety by reducing the maximum permitted level for cyclamates in water-based flavoured drinks (e.g. soft drinks, cordials), and to allow the use of cyclamates in tabletop sweeteners. 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.
8. International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: The Codex Alimentarius has a standard for food additive permissions which contains permissions for cyclamate in fruit nectar and fruit nectar concentrates. This Standard does not include permissions for cyclamate in water-based flavoured drinks or tabletop sweeteners.
9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: <i>Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code</i> (English).

10.	Proposed date of adoption: Notification to Government anticipated December 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.	<p>Final date for comments: <u>27 July 2007</u></p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Food Standards Australia New Zealand PO Box 10559 Wellington 6036 NEW ZEALAND Fax: + 64 4 473 9855 E-mail: slo@foodstandards.govt.nz</p>
13.	<p>Texts available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Documents are available from the Food Standards Australia New Zealand website: http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/standardsdevelopment/documentsforpublicco868.cfm.</p> <p>Copies are also available from:</p> <p>The NZ SPS Notification Point PO Box 2526 Wellington NEW ZEALAND Fax: +64 4 4744219 Email: sps@maf.govt.nz</p>