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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 (FSANZ)
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): Ready-to-eat cassava chips (snack foods)
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 Australia / New Zealand.
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Assessment for Proposal P1002 – Hydrocyanic acid in ready-to-eat cassava chips (34 pages, in English).
6. Description of content: FSANZ has prepared a Proposal to vary Standard 1.4.1 – Contaminants and Natural Toxicants of the <i>Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code</i> in relation to limits for hydrocyanic acid in ready-to-eat cassava chips.
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 instituting a maximum level for hydrocyanic acid in ready-to-eat cassava chips. All Proposals 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: Codex Standard for Edible Cassava Flour (a food for direct human consumption).
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 April 2008 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: 28 April 2008

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<http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/standardsdevelopment/documentsforpublicco868.cfm>.

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