

Food (Tutin in Honey) Amendment Standard 2011

This amendment to the Food (Tutin in Honey) Standard 2010 is issued pursuant to section 11L of the Food Act 1981, for the purpose of clarifying the intended effect of compliance option 2 in the principal standard.

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Part 1: Preliminary provisions

1 Title

This standard is the Food (Tutin in Honey) Amendment Standard 2011 (the "Amendment Standard"), and amends the Food (Tutin in Honey) Standard 2010 (the "Principle Standard").

2 Commencement

This amendment standard comes into force on 15 August 2011.

3 Purpose

The purpose of this amendment standard is to clarify the meaning of compliance option two in the principal standard (holding harvest records that demonstrate low risk harvest date).

4 Interpretation

In this amendment standard, unless the context otherwise requires, words used but not defined in this standard --

- (a) have the same meaning as in the principal standard; and
- (b) where applicable, have the same meaning as words defined in the Food Act 1981.

Part 2: Amendment to Clause 9 (Compliance Option 2): Holding Harvest Records that Demonstrate Low Risk Harvest Date

5 Clause 9 amended

Clause 9 of the principal standard is amended by revoking clause 9 and substituting it with the following:

“9 Option two: Holding harvest records that demonstrate low risk harvest date

- (1) Option two is for the person to hold a written statement from the beekeeper supplying honey confirming that the beekeeper holds records that demonstrate that the honey has been taken from honey supers placed onto hives after 1 July in any year and removed from those hives by 31 December in the same year.
- (2) The records must be kept for four years from the date on which the honey is packed for sale for human consumption or exported.”

Explanatory Note

This note is for explanatory purposes only.

This amendment standard clarifies the meaning of option 2 for demonstrating compliance with the maximum level of tutin in honey (clause 9).

In order for a person to comply with the low risk harvest date compliance option, the beekeeper's records must demonstrate that the honey supplied was from hives where the honey supers were placed onto the hives after 1 July in any year *and removed from those same hives by 31 December of the same year.*

The clarification is to avoid any confusion about the date by which the honey supers must be removed from hives in order to ensure compliance with this option.

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