

## **New Zealand (Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code) Food Standards 2002, Amendment No. 66**

The Minister for Food Safety, under section 11L of the Food Act 1981, issues the following amendment to the New Zealand (Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code) Food Standards 2002.

### **1. Title**

These standards are the New Zealand (Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code) Food Standards 2002, Amendment No. 66.

### **2. Commencement**

This amendment comes into force on 14 January 2016.

### **3. Amendments**

The New Zealand (Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code) Food Standards 2002 are amended by omitting clause 4 and substituting the following clause:

#### **4 The Food Standard Code**

(1) Under section 11F of the Food Act 1981, these standards incorporate the Food Standards Code, as amended, up to and including amendment No. 159 to the Food Standards Code.

(2) Despite clause 4(1), these standards do not incorporate those parts of the Food Standard Code identified in the Food Standards Code as applying only in Australia.

Issued at Wellington this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2015.

(Signed)

Hon Jo Goodhew  
**Minister for Food Safety**

Certified as in order for signature

(Signed)

Solicitor  
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## Explanatory note

*This note is not part of the standards and has been included to explain their general effect.*

The New Zealand (Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code) Food Standards 2002, Amendment No. 66 incorporates into New Zealand domestic law Amendment Number 159 to the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code (except the Australia-only variation).

The New Zealand (Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code) Foods Standards 2002, Amendment No. 66 was notified in the *New Zealand Gazette* on 17 December 2015 and will come into effect 28 days after this date on 14 January 2016.

Amendment No. 159 amends the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code to:

- permit the sale and use of food derived by herbicide-tolerant and insect protected Corn Line 4114;
- permit the use of a new microbial source as an enzyme used as a processing aid;
- amend the revised Code that comes into force on 1 March 2016 to:
  - correct inconsistencies and clarify some areas of confusion in the current drafting of the standards for 'Nutrition and Health Claims' and 'Nutrition Information';
  - correct an inconsistency in the conditions for vitamin and mineral claims between current standards for 'Nutrition, Health and Related Claims' and 'Vitamins and Minerals';
  - continue to permit the use of nutrition content claims about salt and sodium on foods (not beverages) containing more than 1.15% alcohol by volume; and
- prohibit retail sales of raw apricot kernels to consumers and continue to permit sales of kernels to food manufacturers, provided the final food is rendered safe.

## Food standards subject to Legislation Act 2012

Food standards, including this amendment, are disallowable instruments, but not legislative instruments, for the purposes of the Legislation Act 2012 and must be presented to the House of Representatives under section 41 of that Act. Any person has the right to make a complaint about a food standard to the Regulations Review Committee.

## Availability of food law

An outline of New Zealand food law, and further advisory information on this amendment, can be viewed on the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) Food Safety website <http://www.foodsafety.govt.nz> or can be obtained from:

Ministry for Primary Industries  
Food Policy  
PO Box 2835  
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*Copies of all New Zealand food law, including food standards, can be viewed free of charge at MPI, 25 The Terrace, Wellington, or purchased from:*

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Copies of the Code, or Amendments to the Code, can be purchased by subscription from: ANSTAT, PO Box 447, South Melbourne, VIC 3205, Australia, <http://www.anstat.com.au> or email: [foodcode@anstat.com.au](mailto:foodcode@anstat.com.au), or phone +61 3 9278 1144.