

Adoption of recent amendments to joint food standards under the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code Notice

The Minister for Food Safety, issues this notice and adopts the following recent amendments to the joint food standards under the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code, in accordance with sections 397 and 400 of the Food Act 2014.

1. Commencement

This notice comes into force 28 days after the date signed by the Minister.

2. Adoption of Amendments to the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code

- (a) This notice adopts Amendments No. 179 and No. 180 to the joint food standards in the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code.
- (b) Despite clause 2(a), this notice does not adopt those joint food standards that make up the Australia New Zealand Food Standard Code identified as applying only in Australia.
- (c) This notice does not adopt Amendment No. 169.

Issued at Wellington this 30th day of October 2018.

(Signed)

Hon Damien O'Connor
Minister for Food Safety

Certified as in order for signature

(Signed)

Solicitor

24/10/2018

Explanatory note

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

The **notice adopting recent amendments to joint food standards under the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code**, adopts Amendment No. 179 and 180 of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code into New Zealand domestic law (except any Australia-only variations). This is the latest amendment issued to the Food Standards Code.

The notice comes into effect 28 days after the date it was signed by the Minister.

Amendment No.179 amends Schedule 11 and Schedule 26 of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code to:

- allow for food derived from herbicide-tolerant cotton line GHB811; and
- allow a new method of analysis for resistant starch.

Amendment No. 180 amends Schedule 15, Schedule 18, and Schedule 26 of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code to:

- re-categorise coconut milk for food additive permissions; and
- allow two new enzymes as processing aids; and
- allow for food derived from an insect-protected cotton line MON88702.

Note, Amendment No 169 (low-THC hemp as food) is not adopted, as this requires changes to New Zealand's drug laws and regulations under the Food Act 2014 before it can be adopted.

Adopted joint food standard subject to Legislation Act 2012

An adopted joint food standard is a disallowable instrument, but not a legislative instrument, 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 an adopted joint 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) website <http://www.mpi.govt.nz/law-and-policy/requirements/food-standards/> or can be obtained from:

Ministry for Primary Industries
Food Policy
PO Box 2835
Wellington.

Copies of all New Zealand food law, including food standards, can be viewed free of charge at MPI, 25 The Terrace, Wellington.

The Food Standards Code can be viewed on the Food Standards Australia New Zealand website: <http://www.foodstandards.co.nz> or can be viewed free of charge at the Ministry for Primary Industries, 25 The Terrace, Wellington.

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, or phone +61 3 9278