

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>AUSTRALIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Australia New Zealand Food Authority (ANZFA) Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): All foods containing alcohol (apart from alcoholic beverages)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Explanatory Notes – Proposal P219: Labelling of Foods Containing Alcohol (10 Pages)
6.	Description of content: A proposal to amend the Australian <i>Food Standards Code</i> (FSC) to require that foods containing more than 1.15% alcohol be required to declare the alcohol concentration, and, for foods containing significant amounts of alcohol, other than alcoholic beverages, a statement advising that the food should be kept out of reach of children
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: <p>There is currently a public health and safety concern due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a lack of labelling with alcohol concentrations on some foods containing alcohol; and - a lack of awareness by some consumers as to the presence of alcohol in some foods, and its unsuitability for children. <p>Requiring all foods containing alcohol to be labelled with the concentration of alcohol will ensure that consumers are provided with sufficient information to enable them to make informed decisions as to the amount of alcohol they are consuming.</p> <p>Where the consumer may not expect a product to contain alcohol, a statement advising that the product be kept out of reach of children will ensure that the consumer is made aware of the alcoholic content of the product.</p>
8.	Relevant documents: Australian <i>Food Standards Code</i>
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force:
} Recommendation to Government anticipated to be made May 2000. Entry into force immediately after Government approval.	

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10. Final date for comments: 12 April 2000

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body:

Australian New Zealand Food Authority, quoting Proposal P219. This notification is identical to that notified by New Zealand.

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