

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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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: Australia New Zealand Food Authority (ANZFA)
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable). Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All foods intended or represented for use as foods for infants and young children, apart from human milk and/or infant formula products
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Explanatory Notes – Proposal P215 – Foods for Infants and Young Children (28 pages)
5.	Description of content: This paper reviews regulations in Australia and New Zealand for foods for infants and young children with regard to the relevant Codex standards including draft Codex standards, having regard to section 10 of the Australia New Zealand Food Authority Act 1991 and the policies of the Australia New Zealand Food Authority (ANZFA). It includes specific provisions to protect the health of infants within Australia and New Zealand for risks associated from consumption of certain additives in infant foods (including sodium) and also risks (including botulism) arising from disease causing organisms in certain foods.
6.	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
7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist <input type="checkbox"/> . If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: The following Codex standards: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Processed cereal-based foods for infants and children (CODEX STAN 74-1981).- Proposed Revised Processed cereal-based foods for infants and children (CODEX STAN 74-1981) at Step 5.- Canned baby foods (CODEX STAN 73 -1981). <p>Some deviations to Codex standards are proposed, consistent with the Authority's objective of supporting the health and safety implications for infants and young children as well as the promotion of fair trade. These are more fully detailed in the associated Full Assessment Report.</p>

8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Australian <i>Food Standards Code</i> ; New Zealand <i>Food Regulations 1984</i> ; Full Assessment Report Proposal P215; (all in English)				
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Recommendation to Government in first half 2000				
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: After approval by Government, anticipated by mid-2000				
11.	<p>Final date for comments: The domestic closing date for comments is 17 November 1999 however comments from Members will be accepted until 17 December 1999 if notice of intention to comment is received by the domestic closing date.</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <table> <tr> <td><u>In Australia:</u></td> <td><u>In New Zealand:</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td> ANZFA PO Box 7186 Canberra Mail Centre ACT 2610 Australia Tel: (+61) 2 6271 2222 Fax: (+61) 2 6271 2278 E-mail: slo@anzfa.gov.au </td> <td> ANZFA PO Box 10 559 The Terrace Wellington New Zealand Tel: (+64) 4 473 9942 Fax: (+64) 4 473 9855 Email: nz.reception@anzfa.gov.au </td> </tr> </table>	<u>In Australia:</u>	<u>In New Zealand:</u>	ANZFA PO Box 7186 Canberra Mail Centre ACT 2610 Australia Tel: (+61) 2 6271 2222 Fax: (+61) 2 6271 2278 E-mail: slo@anzfa.gov.au	ANZFA PO Box 10 559 The Terrace Wellington New Zealand Tel: (+64) 4 473 9942 Fax: (+64) 4 473 9855 Email: nz.reception@anzfa.gov.au
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