

**26 July 2013**

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**Administrative Assessment Report – Application A1088**

Sodium Hydrosulphite as a Food Additive

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| **Date received: 7 June 2013**  **Date due for completion of administrative assessment:** 1 July 2013  **Date completed: 27 June 2013** | | |
| **Applicant:** Seafood New Zealand Limited | | **Potentially affected Standards:**  1.2.4, 1.3.1, 1.3.4 |
| **Brief description of Application:** To include sodium hydrosulphite (sodium dithionite) as a food additive (antioxidant) to be used in canned abalone. | |
| **Procedure:**  General | **Estimated total hours:**  Up to 350  Reasons why**:**  As this application is seeking permissions for a new food additive, with the same technological purpose as other already permitted additives, the assessment will be of less than average complexity. | **Estimated start work:**  Jan 2014 |

***Decision***

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| **Application accepted**  **Date: 27 June 2013** |

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| **Has the Applicant requested confidential commercial information status?**  Yes✔ No  What documents are affected?  Reference 17  **Has the Applicant provided justification for confidential commercial information request?**  Yes✔ No N/A |
| **Has the Applicant sought special consideration e.g. novel food exclusivity, two separate applications which need to be progressed together?**  Yes No✔ |

***Charges***

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| **Does FSANZ consider that the application confers an exclusive capturable commercial benefit on the Applicant?**  Yes No✔ |
| **Does the Applicant want to expedite consideration of this Application?**  Yes No Not known✔ |

***Application Handbook requirements***

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| **Which Guidelines within the Part 3 of the *Application Handbook* apply to this Application?**  3.1, 3.3.1  **Is the checklist completed?**  Yes ✔ No  **Does the Application meet the requirements of the relevant Guidelines?**  Yes ✔ No |
| **Does the Application relate to a matter that may be developed as a food regulatory measure, or that warrants a variation of a food regulatory measure?**  Yes✔ No |
| **Is the Application so similar to a previous application or proposal for the development or variation of a food regulatory measure that it ought not to be accepted?**  Yes No✔ |
| **Did the Applicant identify the Procedure that, in their view, applies to the consideration of this Application?**  Yes ✔ No  **If yes, indicate which Procedure:**  General |

***Consultation & assessment timeframe***

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| **Proposed length of public consultation period:**  6 weeks |
| **Proposed timeframe for assessment:**  **‘Early Bird Notification’ due: 25 July 2013**  Commence assessment (clock start) Early Jan 2014  Completion of assessment & preparation of draft food reg measure Early May 2014  Public comment Mid-May – late June 2014  Board to complete approval Mid-Sept 2014  Notification to Forum Late Sept 2014  Anticipated gazettal if no review requested Early Dec 2014 |