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Attention: **Project Manager – Application A1088**
Food Standards Australia New Zealand
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ACT, Australia, 2610.

Re: Sodium Hydrosulphite as a Food Additive

FTA Australia has reviewed this [Application](#) and endorses the following comments of the Technical Sub Committee:

The Committee was of a divided opinion with the majority agreeing with the FSANZ conclusion “that the use of Sodium Hydrosulphite as a food additive in canned abalone (at 1000mg/kg) is technologically justified” without further comment.

The minority opinion, albeit would accept the Application but considered that the Application to be lacking in supporting information, particularly toxicological and was only supported by use in one jurisdiction, i.e. Japan and it is absent from JECFA.

This is considered sufficient but usually new Food Additives have greater support in several jurisdictions. The Application contained too many generalisations for the acceptance of a new substance.

Will canned abalone be accepted into other countries other than Japan due to the presence of this new substance was not a considered?

Also the Application does not make it clear that this substance will be only permitted in Standard 1.3.1, Schedule 1 Section 9.4 specifically for Canned Abalone (paua) only. The usual format for Applications is to show the changes to the Standard/s that will be effected after gazettal.


We would appreciate being maintained on the circulation list for any changes in this matter and to receiving notification of the next step concerning this [Application](#).

Yours sincerely,

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PRESIDENT – FTA AUSTRALIA