

**Comments from the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and the Victorian Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources**

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The Victorian Departments of Health and Human Services and Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (the Departments) welcome the opportunity to provide comments for Application A1103 Citric and Lactic Acids in Beer and related products.

Both citric and lactic acids are currently permitted as food additives in a number of foods under the Food Standards Code. This application will allow the addition of these additives to beer and beer-like products to regulate acidity. The Departments recognise that the risk assessment and the additional information provided indicate that the incorporation of these substances into beer and beer-like products does not present a risk to public health or safety.

The Departments support Option 1: to prepare draft variations to permit the addition of citric and lactic acids as food additives to beer and related products.