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Administrative Assessment Report – Proposal P1023

Tutin, Tocopherol & Food for Special Medical Purposes Standards Amendments

<p>Brief Description of Proposal: To consider amendments to Standards 1.4.1, 1.2.4, and 2.9.5, and Standard 1.5.1 if required, as they relate to tutin, tocopherols and food for special medical purposes, respectively.</p>		<p>Potentially affected Standards: 1.4.1 1.2.4 2.9.5 1.5.1</p>
<p>Procedure: General</p>	<p>Estimated total hours: max 350</p> <p>Reasons why: The Proposal does not require any new risk assessments. Risk management aspects and stakeholder consultation will be targeted in support of some minor amendments to the Code.</p>	<p>Estimated start work: August 2012</p>

Other Comments or Relevant Matters:

The interim standard for tutin in honey and comb honey expires on 31 March 2013. FSANZ requires an extension to this expiry date in Standard 1.4.1 to ensure the ongoing protection of consumers, while it continues its work on risk assessment and risk management of tutin in honey and comb honey.

The commencement dates for the new tocopherol nomenclature are not correct, and as a result, products labelled using the old nomenclature will not have sufficient time to clear the supply chain, and would not be compliant with the requirements of the revised Standard 1.2.4. FSANZ will amend the commencement dates in this Standard.

Amendments will be sought to Standard 2.9.5 to bring forward the commencement date. This would allow for earlier compliance of those products that already meet the requirements of the Standard but cannot lawfully comply because of the future commencement date. In addition, FSANZ will also seek specific transitional arrangements to allow time for other products to lawfully transition to compliance with Standard 2.9.5 by July 2014. A further amendment will clarify the scope of the exemption in Standard 2.9.5 from Standard 1.5.1 – Novel foods.

Decision

Proposal prepared

Date: 31 August 2012

Consultation & assessment timeframe

Proposed length of public consultation period

Proposed length of public consultation period: 4 weeks.

Proposed timeframe for assessment:

Commence assessment (clock start)	Late August 2012
Completion of assessment & preparation of draft food reg measure	Early September 2012
Public comment	Early Sept–Early Oct 2012
Board to complete approval	Early Dec 2012
Notification to Forum	Mid-Dec 2012
Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Late February 2013