



P1024 Revision of the Regulation of Nutritive Substances and Novel Foods

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The Dietitians Association of Australia (DAA) is the national association of the dietetic profession with over 5800 members, and branches in each state and territory. DAA is a leader in nutrition and advocates for food and nutrition for healthier people and healthier nations. DAA appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on P1024 Revision of the Regulation of Nutritive Substances and Novel foods by Food Standards Australia New Zealand.

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DAA interest in this consultation

DAA advocates for a safe and nutritious food supply in which the community has confidence and which meets the nutritional needs of all Australians, including groups with special needs.

As experts in nutrition, Accredited Practising Dietitians (APDs) assist the general population and groups with special dietary needs to meet their nutritional needs. APDs also assist with the translation of food labels and nutrition content claims.

Recommendations

DAA supports the proposal to revise the current framework for the regulation of nutritive substances and novel foods in the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code.

DAA supports option 3 to develop an alternative approach based on the level of risk inherent in various types of novel foods, which is FSANZ preferred option.

DAA supports the proportionate approach to risk with low risk foods being managed through pre-market self-assessment (figure 1 - green), pre-market self-assessment with notification (figure 1- amber) and for those food of highest risk requiring pre-market assessment (figure 1 - red).

DAA is supportive of amendments to the code that enable less ambiguity and uncertainty in the use of these foods to ensure a safe food supply.