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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Food Standards Australia New Zealand PO Box 10559 Wellington 6036 NEW ZEALAND Fax: + 64 4 473 9855 E-mail: info@foodstandards.govt.nz Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Foods/Processed foods
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Assessment for Application A505 – Diacylglycerol (93 pages, in English).
6.	Description of content: FSANZ has received an Application to amend the <i>Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code</i> to approve the use of diacylglycerol oil as Novel Food ingredient in various food applications.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Novel Foods are required to undergo a pre-market assessment of their safety, to ensure that non-traditional foods that have features or characteristics, which raise safety concerns, undergo a risk-based safety assessment before they are offered for retail for direct consumption in Australia and New Zealand. All applications to change the <i>Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code</i> must be assessed in the context of the following objectives: (a) the protection of public health and safety; (b) the provision of adequate information relating to food to enable consumers to make informed choices; and (c) the prevention of misleading or deceptive conduct. If application A505 is approved the <i>Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code</i> will be amended to allow the use of diacylglycerol oil in various food applications for human consumption, in Australia and New Zealand.
8.	Relevant documents: <i>Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code</i> (English)

9.	Proposed date of adoption: Notification to Government anticipated July 2004 with adoption (gazettal) to follow, pending Government consideration Proposed date of entry into force: Date of Gazettal pending Government consideration.
10.	Final date for comments: 9 May 2004
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body: Documents are available from the Food Standards Australia New Zealand website: www.foodstandards.gov.au/standardsdevelopment .