

**NOTIFICATION**

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

<b>1. Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) PO Box 10559 Wellington 6036 NEW ZEALAND Fax: + 64 4 473 9855 E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@foodstandards.govt.nz">info@foodstandards.govt.nz</a>  <b>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:</b>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ X ], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> All foods that contain maltodextrins, which are resistant to human digestion.
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Draft Assessment for Application A491 – Resistant Maltodextrins as Dietary Fibre (96 pages, in English).
<b>6. Description of content:</b> FSANZ has received an Application to amend the Table to subclause 18(1) of Standard 1.2.8 – Nutrition Information Requirements of the <i>Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code</i> (the Code) to include the method AOAC 2001.03 – "Total Dietary Fibre in Foods Containing Resistant Maltodextrin" for the measurement of dietary fibre. If this amendment is approved, it will enable resistant maltodextrins (RMDs) to be included in the calculation of total dietary fibre content for nutrition labelling purposes.  Given the nature of RMDs and their potential impact on the gastrointestinal tract, this Application has also been used as an opportunity to review the safety and dietary impacts of RMDs based on available data.
<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b>  Current methods of analysis for dietary fibre prescribed in the Table to subclause 18(1) of Standard 1.2.8 do not accurately measure the dietary fibre content of foods containing RMDs. These methods can include some RMDs within their measurements of dietary fibre, however they are not designed specifically for this purpose and thus will only measure up to 50% of the RMDs that may be present in a food.

<p>It is proposed that AOAC 2001.03 be included the Table to subclause 18(1) of Standard 1.2.8, as this method is reported to measure close to 100% of the RMDs present in a food.</p> <p>The objectives of Application A491 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To enable consumers to make informed choices about the dietary fibre content of foods. To achieve this, FSANZ will review the list of approved methods for dietary fibre analyses to reflect available analytical techniques, and to reflect current scientific understanding on the status of RMDs as forms of dietary fibre; and</li> <li>• the protection of public health and safety through an assessment of the safety, nutritional and technical issues associated with RMDs.</li> </ul>
<p><b>8. Relevant documents:</b> <i>Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code</i> (English)</p>
<p><b>9. Proposed date of adoption:</b> Notification to Government anticipated in October 2004 with adoption (gazettal) to follow, pending Government consideration.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> Date of gazettal pending Government consideration</p>
<p><b>10. Final date for comments:</b> 9 May 2004</p>
<p><b>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:</b> Documents are available from the Food Standards Australia New Zealand website: <a href="http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/standardsdevelopment">www.foodstandards.gov.au/standardsdevelopment</a>.</p>