

**29 October 2024**  
**313-24**

## **Administrative Assessment Report –Application 1315**

Chitosan and (1,3)- $\beta$ -glucans from white button mushrooms  
(*Agaricus bisporus*) as a food additive

### **1. Application details**

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| <p><b>Date received:</b> 9 September 2024</p> <p><b>Date due for completion of administrative assessment:</b> 30 September 2024</p> <p><b>Date completed:</b> 27 September 2024</p>                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                  |
| <p><b>Applicant:</b> Chinova Bioworks Inc</p>                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <p><b>Potentially affected standards and schedules:</b></p> <p>Schedule 15<br/>Substances that may be used as food additives</p> |
| <p><b>Brief description of application:</b></p> <p>The application seeks to permit the use of chitosan and beta-1,3-glucans from white button mushrooms (<i>Agaricus bisporus</i>) as a food additive in food and beverage products.</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                  |
| <p><b>Procedure:</b></p> <p>General Level 3</p>                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p><b>Maximum total variable hours:</b></p> <p>420 hours</p> <p><b>Reasons why:</b></p> <p>We expect an assessment of average complexity. Chitosan and chitin-glucan are currently permitted as processing aids but not as food additives</p> | <p><b>Estimated start date for assessment:</b></p> <p>late October 2024</p>                                                      |

### **2. Decision**

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| <p><b>Application accepted</b></p> <p><b>Decision Date:</b> 27 September 2024</p> <p><b>If fees for ECCB are not received, date of rejection:</b> 29 October 2024</p> |
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### 3. Consultation and assessment timeframe

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| <b>Proposed length of public consultation periods:</b> |                                 |
| 4-6 weeks                                              |                                 |
| <b>Proposed timeframe for assessment</b>               |                                 |
| <u>General Procedure:</u>                              |                                 |
| Commence assessment (clock start)                      | Late October 2024               |
| Public comment                                         | Early Feb 2025 – Mid March 2025 |
| Board to consider approval                             | Late June 2025                  |
| Notification to Food Ministers' Meeting (FMM)          | Mid July 2025                   |
| Anticipated gazettal if no review requested            | Late September 2025             |