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SUBMISSION

Attention: **Project Manager – Application A1039**

Food Standards Australia New Zealand
Box 7186,
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ACT, Australia, 2610.

Re: Low THC Hemp as a Food – Further Consultation Report

FTA Australia has reviewed this [Application](#) and endorses the following comments of the Technical Sub Committee:

The Committee accepted Option 2B – to prepare draft variations to the Code, to permit the use of low THC hemp seed products (which includes hulled seed but excludes viable hempseed) as a food with maximum limits. The Committee also made the following comments:

1. That Advisory Statements should be placed on the label of foods containing low THC hemp seed products regarding the level of consumption to the effect that:
 - “exceeding the recommended level of consumption could result in detection in the body after ‘x’ hours”
 - “consumption over the recommended level could have adverse physiological effects”.
2. If amendments are approved for gazettal into “Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code”, then there will be subsequent changes required to “Standard for Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons” (SUSMP) which currently only permits “processed hemp fibre which contains 0.1% or less of THC and products made from such fibre” and “Hemp seed oil” is defined as “the oil obtained by cold expression from the ripened fruit (seeds) of Cannabis sativa”. Although Hemp Seed Oil is defined in the Definitions of SUSMP and Hemp products are specifically excepted from Schedule 9, other food products from Hemp seed may be banned by Schedule 9.

Hence other Hemp seed products would not be permitted.

If there are any queries regarding this submission, please contact the Technical Secretary, Tony Zipper, Telephone (03) 9532 8213, Fax (03) 9532 8213, Mobile 0409 324 075, E-mail tzipper@dodo.com.au.

We would appreciate being maintained on the circulation list for any changes in this matter and to receiving notification of the next step concerning this [Application](#).