

List of information required for A1047 prior to the start of the Application assessment

The Applicant must provide:

A word description on the manufacturing process of CMC. A paragraph of approximately a quarter of a page will be sufficient.

Sodium carboxymethyl cellulose (CMC) or cellulose gum is a polysaccharide, obtained as modified cellulose from plant fibres. Plant fibre pulp is reacted with Sodium Hydroxide and MonoChloroacetic acid in a solvent. This reaction is then neutralized and the solvent recovered. The polysaccharide is then purified, dried, pulverised, sieved and packed.

Clarification on the effective date for the 2008 Wine Agreement.

The *Australia – European Community Agreement on Trade in Wine* signed in Brussels on 1 December 2008 is a formal international agreement that regulates the trade in wine between Australia and the European Community. The *Australia – European Community Agreement on Trade in Wine* will require legislative amendments to the *Australian Wine and Brandy Corporation Act 1980* and *Trade Marks Act 1995* so that Australia can meet its obligations. It is expected that the new agreement will take effect in mid-2010. At that time it will become a treaty. The Legislation was introduced into the House of Representatives on the 24th May and is scheduled to be introduced into the Senate on 15th June 2010. The Agreement will then take effect one month and one day after the exchange of letters between the European Union and Australia which will occur when the Bill receives Royal Assent.

Any published reports on technological performance of CMC in wine manufacturing.

Clarification that the word ‘now’ is ‘no’ in the Cover Letter.

There are **no** exclusive commercial benefits as this is not a proprietary product. This is an unpaid application.