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APPLICATION – ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENT

PA1056	Date Received: 24 November 2010 Date Due for completion of Administrative Assessment: 15 December 2010 Date Administrative Assessment Completed: 14 December 2010	
Applicant: Fonterra Co-operative Group Limited		Potentially Affected Standard in the Code: 1.3.3 – Processing Aids
Title: Dimethyl Ether as a Processing Aid (Solvent) Brief Description of Application: To seek approval to permit the use of Dimethyl Ether (DME) as an extraction solvent for dairy ingredient manufacture.		
Procedure: General Reasons why: Dimethyl ether is a recognised processing aid that has undergone safety assessment overseas. However, it has not been assessed by the Joint Expert Committee on Food Additives.	Estimated total hours: up to 650 hours Reasons why: This is a typical processing aid application with no particular technical or scientific complexity.	Estimated start work: Early November 2011

DECISION

Application accepted

Date: 14 December 2010

Has the Applicant claimed Confidential Commercial Information status?

Yes No

What documents are affected? n/a

Has the Applicant provided justification for Confidential Commercial Information status?

n/a

Is the Application for a High Level Health Claim?

Yes No

If so, has the Applicant made an election to have FSANZ give public notice calling for submissions under s.51 of the FSANZ Act?

n/a

Has the Applicant sought special consideration e.g. novel food exclusivity, two separate applications which need to be progressed together e.g. a novel food and a related high level health claim.

Yes No

Details:

Charges

Does FSANZ consider that the application is subject to ECCB?

Yes No

If yes, indicate the reason:

If yes, indicate due date for fees to be paid (20 business days after notification of Admin Assess made). **Note that if fees are not received by this date, the Application is automatically rejected.**

Due date for fees:

Does the Applicant want to expedite consideration of this Application?

Yes No Not known

Application Handbook Requirements

Which Guidelines within the Part 3 of the *Application Handbook* apply to this Application:

3.1.1, 3.3.2

Does the Application meet the requirements of the relevant Guideline/s?

Yes No

Is the checklist completed?

Yes No

What information is not provided?

- Very minor issue which does not impact on FSANZ's ability to assess the Application.

Does the Application relate to a matter that may be developed as a food regulatory measure, or that warrants a variation of a food regulatory measure?

Yes No

Is the Application so similar to a previous application or proposal for the development or variation of a food regulatory measure that it ought not to be accepted?

Yes No ✓

Did the Applicant identify the Procedure that, in their view, applies to the consideration of this Application?

Yes ✓ No

If yes, indicate which Procedure:

General

Other Comments or Relevant Matters:

CONSULTATION & ASSESSMENT TIMEFRAME

Consultation Strategy:

Proposed length of public consultation period/s:

General Procedure (6 weeks)

Community Involvement Category: 5

Case of minor significance or complexity with little adverse impact on individual interests

Proposed Timeframe for Assessment:

'Early Bird Notification' due: 17 January 2011

General Procedure:

Commence Assessment (clock start)

Completion of Assessment

Public comment

Board to complete Approval

Notification to Ministerial Council

Anticipated gazettal if no review requested

Early November 2011

Early February 2012

Mid-February - early April 2012

Early August 2012

Mid August 2012

Late October 2012