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SUBMISSION

Attention: **Project Manager – Application A1075**
Food Standards Australia New Zealand
Box 7186,
Canberra BC,
ACT, Australia, 2610.

Re: **Quillaia Extract (Quillaja Extract) as a Food Additive**

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

The Committee accepted Option 1 – to prepare draft variations to Standard 1.3.1 and offered the following comments:

- The Committee considered that the maximum level of use should as per Codex at 50mg/kg which is higher than the Applicant requested.
- The statement in 2.3 of this Application states “There is currently no permission in the Code to use quillaia extract as a food additive”. It is contended that this is not strictly correct as Quillaia is a flavouring substance with FEMA No. 2973 and is therefore regulated under Standard 1.3.1 – Food Additives, Clause 11(a) and as such is a permitted Food Additive with a maximum usage level of GMP.
- Quillaia Extract has been used for many years as a foaming agent in beverages.

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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](#).

Yours sincerely,

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