

Comments from the Department of Health, Victoria

Deadline for Submissions: 23 September 2013

The Victorian Department of Health (DH) welcome the opportunity to provide comments on Application A1077 - Fungal Chitosan as a Processing Aid.

The DH supports the proposed uses of fungal chitosan from *Aspergillus niger* as a processing aid in the production of wine, beer, cider spirits and food grade ethanol. This support is given on the basis of the FSANZ risk assessment findings that concluded that such use of fungal chitosan raises no public health or safety concerns and is technologically justified.

The DH notes that progression of Application A1077 would enhance alignment with European Community trading partners and other trading partners where its use is permitted, and the use of fungal chitosan as a processing aid would remove the often confusing declarations (contains crustacean) associated with using chitosan derived from crustacea.