

## **Application A1100 – Maximum Permitted Level of Acesulphame Potassium in Chewing Gum**

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### **Comments from the Victorian Department of Health & Human Services and the Victorian Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport & Resources**

#### **Due date of submission – 1 October 2015**

The Victorian Departments of Health & Human Services and Economic Development, Jobs, Transport & Resources (the departments) welcome the opportunity to provide comments on Application A1100 – Maximum Permitted Level of Acesulphame Potassium in Chewing Gum. The departments understand that under the Food Standards Code (the Code) there are existing permissions to add acesulphame potassium to specific foods or food categories, to given maximum levels. It is recognised that this application will permit an increase in the allowable level of acesulphame potassium in chewing gum, and that this permission is sought for technical reasons.

The departments also recognise that the risk assessment, and the additional information provided, indicates that the proposed increased level of this intense sweetener in chewing gum products does not present a risk to public health or safety at the maximum levels proposed. The departments support Option 1: that is, to prepare a draft variation to the revised Code to allow an increase to the maximum permitted limit for acesulphame potassium in chewing gum.