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**Attention:** Standards Management Officer

**RE: Submission – Application A1100, 20 August 2015 [19-15]**

The Australian Food and Grocery Council (AFGC) appreciate the opportunity to comment on Application A1100, *Maximum permitted level of Acesulphame Potassium in Chewing Gum* [19-15].

The AFGC is the leading national organisation representing Australia's food, drink and grocery manufacturing industry. The membership of AFGC comprises more than 178 companies, subsidiaries and associates which constitutes in the order of 80 per cent of the gross dollar value of the processed food, beverage and grocery products sectors.

The AFGC **supports option 1** to prepare a draft variation to the revised Code to permit the requested increase of the maximum permitted level (MPL) for Acesulphame Potassium (Ace K) in chewing gum

The AFGC supports the application to increase the MPL for Ace K in chewing gum from 2000 mg/kg to 5000 mg/kg on the basis that there are no public health and safety concerns associated with the proposed increase in chewing gum.

The AFGC understands that the proposed increase in the MPL of Ace K in chewing gum would result in estimated dietary exposure to Ace K that is well below the ADI of 15 mg/kg bw.

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