

**18 January 2016**

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**Administrative Assessment Report – Application A1124**

Alternative DHA-rich Algal Oil for Infant Formula Products

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| **Date received:** 4 November 2105  **Date due for completion of administrative assessment:** 25 November 2015  **Date completed: 11 December 2015** | | |
| **Applicant:** DSM Nutritional Products | | **Potentially affected standards:**  Sched 3, Std 2.9.1 |
| **Brief description of Application:**  To permit the addition of DHA-rich algal oil from *Schizochytrium* sp. as an alternative or replacement oil for other currently permitted DHA-rich algal oils added to infant formula products. | |
| **Procedure:**  General | **Estimated total hours:**  Max 1000 hours  **Reasons why:**  Nutritive substance to be added to infant formula products. | **Provisional estimated start work:**  Late April 2016 |

***Decision***

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| **Application accepted**  **Date: 11 December 2015** |

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| **Has the Applicant requested confidential commercial information status?**  Yes No✔  **Has the Applicant provided justification for confidential commercial information request?**  Yes No N/A✔ |
| **Has the Applicant sought special consideration e.g. novel food exclusivity, two separate applications which need to be progressed together?**  Yes No✔ |

***Charges***

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| **Does FSANZ consider that the application confers an exclusive capturable commercial benefit on the Applicant?**  Yes No ✔ |
| **Does the Applicant want to expedite consideration of this Application?**  Yes No✔Not known |

***Application Handbook requirements***

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| **Which Guidelines within the Part 3 of the *Application Handbook* apply to this Application?**  3.3.3, 3.6.2  **Is the checklist completed?**  Yes✔ No  **Does the Application meet the requirements of the relevant Guidelines?**  Yes✔ No |
| **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  **If no, why not?** |
| **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✔  **If no, why not?**  The Application seeks permission for DHA use as a nutritive substance in infant formula products. It is noted that there is an approval for similar oils as a novel food. |
| **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:**  Nil |

***Consultation & assessment timeframe***

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| **Proposed length of public consultation period:**  6 weeks |
| **Proposed timeframe for assessment:**  **‘Early Bird Notification’ due: 14 January 2016**  Commence assessment (clock start) Early June 2016  Completion of assessment & preparation of draft food reg measure Mid-Oct 2016  Public comment Late Oct – early Dec 2016  Board to complete approval Early March 2017  Notification to Forum Mid-March 2017  Anticipated gazettal if no review requested Late May 2017 |