

**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 2016Completion of assessment & preparation of draft food reg measure Mid-Oct 2016Public comment Late Oct – early Dec 2016Board to complete approval Early March 2017Notification to Forum Mid-March 2017Anticipated gazettal if no review requested Late May 2017 |