



AUSTRALIAN
FOOD AND GROCERY
COUNCIL

SUBMISSION

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Food Standards Australia New Zealand

IN RESPONSE TO

A605 Yeast Mannoproteins as a Food Additive for
Wine

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PREFACE

The Australian Food and Grocery Council is the peak national organisation representing Australia's packaged food, drink and grocery products industry.

The membership of the AFGC comprises more than 150 companies, subsidiaries and associates which constitutes in the order of 80 per cent of the gross dollar value of the highly processed food, beverage and grocery products sectors. (A list of members is included as an Appendix.) The AFGC represents the nation's largest manufacturing sector. By any measure Australia's food, drink and grocery products industry is a substantial contributor to the economic and social welfare of all Australians. Effectively, the products of AFGC's member companies reach every Australian household.

The industry has an annual sales and service income in excess of \$68 billion and employs 200 000 people – almost one in five of the nation's manufacturing workforce. Of all Australians working in the industry, half are based in rural and regional Australia, and the processed food sector sources more than 90 per cent of its ingredients from Australian agriculture.

The AFGC's agenda for business growth centres on public and industry policy for a socioeconomic environment conducive to international competitiveness, investment, innovation, employment growth and profitability.

The AFGC's mandate in representing member companies is to ensure a cohesive and credible voice for the industry, to advance policies and manage issues relevant to the industry and to promote the industry and the virtues of its products, enabling member companies to grow their businesses.

The Council advocates business matters, public policy and consumer-related issues on behalf of a dynamic and rapidly changing industry operating in an increasing globalised economy. As global economic and trade developments continue to test the competitiveness of Australian industry, transnational businesses are under increasing pressure to justify Australia as a strategic location for corporate production, irrespective of whether they are Australian or foreign owned. In an increasingly globalised economy, the ability of companies to internationalise their operations is as significant as their ability to trade globally.

Increased trade, rationalisation and consolidation of businesses, increased concentration of ownership among both manufacturers and retailers, intensified competition and dynamic, increasingly complex and demanding consumers are features of the industry across the globe. Moreover, the growing global middle class of consumers is more sophisticated and discerning, driving innovation and differentiation of products and services.

The AFGC is working with governments in taking a proactive, even tactical, approach to public policy to enable businesses to tackle the threats and grasp the dual opportunities of globalisation and changing consumer demands.

1 COMMENT ON APPLICATION

The Australian Food and Grocery Council (AFGC) welcomes this opportunity to make a submission to Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) in response to the Draft Assessment Report on Application *A605 Yeast Mannoproteins as a Food Additive in Wine*.

The AFGC supports the conclusion of the FSANZ safety assessment, based on the chemistry, production process, and the use of yeast mannoprotein preparation to inhibit potassium bitartrate crystallisation which found there was no public health or safety concerns.

The AFGC **supports the Preferred Approach** to amend Standard 1.3.1, 1.3.4 and 4.5.1 to approve the use of the yeast mannoproteins as a food additive for wine stability treatment, and to recognise the Organisation Internationale de la Vigne et du Vin International Oenological Codex (Edition 2006) as a specification source.

2 SPECIFIC COMMENTS

Permitting the use of mannoproteins as a food additive in wine production will have significant impacts on the wine industry and the use is technologically justified. Australia industry will benefit by enabling wine producers to make a more cost effective product, with greater opportunity to compete both domestically and internationally.

The AFGC considers that permitting this application satisfies the Section 10 objectives of the FSANZ Act, ensuring public health and safety and promoting an efficient and internationally competitive food industry. This permission will promote international consistency both with the regulatory requirements of other countries, and the international organisation of vine and wine, The Organisation Internationale de la Vigne et du Vin.

APPENDIX: AFGC MEMBERS AS AT 14 NOVEMBER 2007

AAB Holdings Pty Ltd	Kellogg (Australia) Pty Ltd	Spicemasters of Australia Pty Ltd
Arnott's Biscuits Ltd	Day Dawn Pty Ltd	Stuart Alexander & Co Pty Limited
Snack Foods Ltd	KR Castlemaine	Sugar Australia Pty Ltd
The Kettle Chip Company Pty Ltd	Kimberly-Clark Australia Pty Ltd	SunRice
Asia-Pacific Blending Corporation Pty Ltd	Kerry Ingredients Australia Pty Ltd	Symrise Pty Ltd
Australia Meat Holdings Pty Ltd	Kraft Foods Asia Pacific	Tetley Australia Pty Ltd
Australian Pacific Paper Products	Lion Nathan Limited	The Smith's Snackfood Co.
Barilla Australia Pty Ltd	Madura Tea Estates	Unilever Australasia
Beak & Johnston Pty Ltd	Manildra Harwood Sugars	Waters Trading Pty Ltd
BOC Gases Australia Ltd	Mars Australia	Wyeth Australia Pty Ltd
Bronte Industries Pty Ltd	Mars Food	Yakult Australia Pty Ltd
Bulla Dairy Foods	Mars Petcare	
Bundaberg Brewed Drinks Pty Ltd	Mars Snackfood	
Bundaberg Sugar Ltd	McCain Foods (Aust) Pty Ltd	Associate members
Cadbury Schweppes Asia Pacific	McCormick Foods Australia Pty Ltd	Accenture
Campbell's Soup Australia	Merino Pty Ltd	Australia Pork Limited
Cantarella Bros Pty Ltd	Merisant Manufacturing Aust. Pty Ltd	ACI Operations Pty Ltd
Cerebos (Australia) Ltd	National Foods Ltd	Amcors Fibre Packaging
Christie Tea Pty Ltd	Nerada Tea Pty Ltd	CAS
Clorox Australia Pty Ltd	Nestlé Australia Ltd	CHEP Asia-Pacific
Coca-Cola Amatil (Aust) Ltd	Nestlé Foods & Beverages	Concurrent Activities
SPC Ardmona Operations Ltd	Nestlé Confectionery	Dairy Australia
Colgate-Palmolive Pty Ltd	Nestlé Ice Cream	Exel (Aust) Logistics P/L
Coopers Brewery Ltd	Nestlé Chilled Dairy	Focus Information Logistics Pty Ltd
Dairy Farmers Group	Nestlé Nutrition	Food Liaison Pty Ltd
Danisco Australia Pty Ltd	Foodservice & Industrial Division	Food Science Australia
Devro Pty Ltd	Novartis Consumer Health Australasia Pty Ltd	Foodbank Australia Limited
Dole Australia	Nutricia Australia Pty Ltd	IBM Business Cons Svcs
DSM Food Specialties Australia Pty Ltd	Nutrinova (Australasia) Pty Ltd	innovations & solutions
DSM Nutritional Products	Ocean Spray International, Inc	KPMG
Fibrisol Services Australia Pty Ltd	Parmalat Australia Ltd	Legal Finesse
Fonterra Brands (Australia) Pty Ltd	Patties Foods Pty Ltd	Linfox Australia Pty Ltd
Foster's Group Limited	Peanut Company of Aust Ltd	Logistics Bureau Pty Ltd
Frucor Beverages (Australia)	Procter & Gamble Australia Pty Ltd	Meat and Livestock Australia Ltd
General Mills Australia Pty Ltd	Gillette Australia	Monsanto Australia Ltd
George Weston Foods Ltd	PZ Cussons Australia Pty Ltd	PricewaterhouseCoopers
AB Food and Beverages Australia	Quality Ingredients Ltd	Promax Applications Group Pty Ltd
AB Mauri	Prima Herbs and Spices	SAP Australia Pty Limited
Cereform/Serrol	Reckitt Benckiser (Aust) Pty Ltd	Sue Akeroyd & Associates
GWF Baking Division	Ridley Corporation Ltd	Swire Cold Storage
GWF Meat & Dairy Division	Cheetham Salt Limited	Swisslog Australia Pty Limited
George Weston Technologies	Sanitarium Health Food Company	Touchstar Pacific Pty Ltd
Jasol	Sara Lee Australia	Touchstone Cons. Aust Pty Ltd
Weston Cereal Industries	Sara Lee Foodservice	Visy Pak
GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare	Sara Lee Food and Beverage	Wiley & Co Pty Ltd
Golden Circle Ltd	SCA Hygiene Australasia	
Goodman Fielder Limited	Schwarzkopf and Henkel	
Meadow Lea Australia	Sensient Technologies	
Quality Bakers Aust P/L	Simplot Australia Pty Ltd	
Green's Foods Ltd	Specialty Cereals Pty Ltd	
H J Heinz Company Australia Ltd		
Hans Continental Smallgoods Pty Ltd		
Harvest FreshCuts Pty Ltd		
Heimann Foodmaker Group		
Hoyt Food Manufacturing Industries Pty Ltd		
J Boag and Son Brewing Ltd		
Johnson & Johnson Pacific Pty Ltd		
Pfizer Consumer Health		

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