



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

4 July 2007

## 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 Appendix A.) 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 Initial Assessment Report on Application *A605 Yeast Mannoproteins as a Food Additive in Wine*.

The AFGC advocates that, as a general principal, the use of food additives and processing aids should be permitted providing they are safe at the intended levels of consumption. Yeast mannoproteins are recognised to be ‘protective colloids’ and have a technologically justified function in the production of wine. The use of yeast mannoproteins is recognised internationally and approved for use by international organisation, the International Organisation of Vine and Wine.

The AFGC **supports Option 2** to amend Standard 1.3.3 to approve the use of the immunoproteins as a food additive in wine, conditional on safety.

## 2 SPECIFIC COMMENTS

The AFGC notes that mannoproteins extracted from yeast cell walls yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* using an enzyme treatment. There is a long history of use of this strain of yeast and there are no safety concerns with either the yeast or the enzyme extraction method.

The purpose of using mannoproteins as a food additive in wine production is to inhibit potassium bitartrate crystallisation which commonly occurs in wine bottles. This would enable the wine industry to become more cost competitive against wine producers in countries where mannoproteins are already permitted by replacing the current time-consuming and expensive wine-making practices undertaken to stabilise wine and eliminate bitartrate crystallisation.

Permitting the use of mannoproteins as a food additive in wine production will have significant impacts on the wine industry and on Australia consumers, permitting wine producers to make a more cost effective product and potentially providing greater competition and reduced prices for consumers.

## AFGC MEMBERS AS AT 4 MAY 2007

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

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