



**6 August 2008**  
**[13-08]**

**APPLICATION – ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENT**

<b>A1010</b>	<b>Date Received:</b> 19 June 2008 <b>Date Due for completion of Administrative Assessment:</b> 10 July 2008 <b>Date Administrative Assessment Completed:</b> 7 July 2008	
<b>Applicant:</b> Arumpo Bentonite Pty Ltd		<b>Potentially Affected Standard in the Code:</b>
<b>Title:</b> Amendment to Bentonite Specification		Standard 1.3.4 – Identity and Purity
<b>Brief Description of Application:</b> To approve a broader pH range in the specification for bentonite.		
<b>Procedure:</b> <b>General</b>  <b>Reasons why:</b> Bentonite is already permitted as a processing aid and this Application is seeking a minor amendment to one criterion in the specification for it so that Australian sourced bentonite can be legally sold and used as a processing aid.	<b>Cost Category (General Procedure): Level 1</b> Up to 500 hours  <b>Estimated total hours (General Procedure) 214</b>  <b>Reasons why:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the processing aid is already permitted;</li> <li>the Application seeks a minor amendment to a specification criterion;</li> <li>a simple safety and food technology assessment is required;</li> <li>The risk management options would be straight forward; and</li> <li>the amendment being sought would have limited social and economic impact.</li> </ul>	<b>Estimated start work:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2009

**DECISION**

**Application accepted**

**Date: 7 July 2008**

**Has the Applicant claimed Confidential Commercial Information status?**

Yes No ✓

**Is the Application for a High Level Health Claim?**

Yes No ✓

**Has the Applicant sought special consideration e.g. novel food exclusivity, two separate applications which need to be progressed together e.g. a novel food and a related high level health claim.**

Yes No ✓

### ***Charges***

**Does FSANZ consider that the application is subject to ECCB?**

Yes No ✓

**Does the Applicant want to expedite consideration of this Application?**

Yes No ✓

### ***Application Handbook Requirements***

**Which Guideline/s within the Part 3 of the *Application Handbook* apply to this Application:**

3.3.2 – Processing aids

**Does the Application meet the requirements of the relevant Guideline/s?**

Yes ✓ No

**Is the checklist completed?**

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

**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 ✓

**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:**

## **CONSULTATION & ASSESSMENT TIMEFRAME**

<b>Consultation Strategy:</b> Proposed length of public consultation period: • General Procedure (6 weeks)	<b>Community Involvement Category:</b> <b>5</b> Case of minor significance or complexity or with little adverse impact on individual interests
<b>Proposed Timeframe for Assessment:</b>  <b>'Early Bird Notification' due: 4 August 2008</b>  <u>General Procedure:</u> Commence Assessment (clock start) Mid-July 2009 Completion of Assessment Mid-October 2009 Public comment End October 2009 – Mid-December 2009 Board to complete Approval Mid-April 2010 Notification to Ministerial Council Late April 2010 Anticipated gazettal if no review requested Mid-July 2010	