



PROFESSIONAL FOOD & PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES

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SUBMISSION

Re: Proposal P1005

Food Standards Australia New Zealand
PO Box 7186
Canberra, BC
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Attention: Standards Management Officer

Primary Production & Processing Standard for Meat & Meat Products – 1st Assessment Report

I have reviewed this document and whilst agreeing with the principle of producing an uniform approach across all jurisdictions with a procedure to introduce modifications as deemed necessary and to meet the requirements of the regulators, the enforcement agencies, manufacturers and consumers, I believe that any future Standard should cover all elements of the industry and not only safety aspects.

I endorse Option 2 – to develop a through-chain safety management consisting of non-regulatory and regulatory elements, with the addition of the following comments:

1. The current instrument “Australian Standard for the Hygienic Production and Transportation of Meat and Meat Products for Human Consumption – AS 4696-2007 should be the basis of the proposed new Standard and all elements currently present in AS4696-2007 should be incorporated / adopted into the new Standard.

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2. Albeit health and safety are primary issues, but there are many other aspects of meat production and handling in AS4696-2007 that concern meat and meat products quality that are not essential to health and safety per se but are accepted practices and have been endorsed by inclusion in AS4696-2007 and should not be neglected or omitted from the new Standard.

I would like to be maintained on any mailing list for further progress or notices, etc regarding this Proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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