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PREPARATION OF A PROPOSAL

PROPOSAL P307

CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE PRIMARY PRODUCTION & PROCESSING OF POULTRY MEAT

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THE PROPOSAL

This information provides advance notice to interested parties of a new Proposal. It is not an invitation for public comment at this stage; however, a six-week public consultation period for the Draft Assessment Report is planned for early 2008. A Final Assessment Report is expected to be considered by the FSANZ Board in mid-2008.

Background

As part of the development of a Primary Production and Processing Standard for Poultry Meat (Proposal 282), FSANZ and its advisory Standards Development Committee for Proposal P282 considered strategies that would assist the poultry meat industry to comply with the requirements of the Standard and to assist jurisdictions assess compliance. A code of practice was selected as an appropriate measure to achieve these two objectives.

The proposed code of practice will describe the control measures that, if implemented by the poultry meat businesses would meet the requirements of the Primary Production and Processing Standard for Poultry Meat. The intention of the code of practice is that if a business chose to comply with the code of practice, the business would therefore also comply with the Standard.

The Proposal

FSANZ has prepared this Proposal to develop a code of practice to provide guidance to the poultry industry and governments on means to comply with the proposed Primary Production and Processing Standard for Poultry Meat currently under development under Proposal P282.

A code of practice developed by FSANZ is defined as a regulatory measure under section 4 of the *Food Standards Australia New Zealand 1991 Act* (FSANZ Act). Therefore, the code of practice must be developed in accordance with the FSANZ Act and in accordance with the section 18 objectives. The objective of this code of practice is to protect public health and safety.

This Proposal will include only one round of public consultation. Omitting a round of public consultation following the preparation of the Proposal is permitted under section 36 of the FSANZ Act. To omit the round of public consultation is considered justified on the basis that to do so will not have a significant adverse effect on the interests of anyone [section 36(1A)(a) refers]. Under section 36 of the FSANZ Act, an application for the review of the decision by FSANZ to omit to invite public submissions prior to the Draft Assessment, subject to the *Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975*, may be made to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal.