



Project Officer Proposal P1054
Food Standards Australia New Zealand
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Dear Sir/Madam

Proposal P1054 - Pure and highly concentrated caffeine products

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal.

The Department of Agriculture was a member of the Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) Working Group that agreed the availability of pure and highly concentrated caffeine food products for retail sale posed an unacceptably high risk for consumers. The department notes that Proposal P1054 proposes a variation to the *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code* to prohibit the retail sale of foods in which total caffeine is present in a concentration of 5% (5g/100g) or more. The department fully supports this recommendation.

To effectively target imports of these products through the Imported Food Inspection Scheme (IFIS), the department has requested risk advice from FSANZ on sports supplements containing pure and highly concentrated caffeine. The department is expecting to receive this advice by 22 November 2019. Should the FSANZ advice assess that these products present a medium or high risk to public health, amendments to the Imported Food Control Order 2019 (the Order) to risk classify sports supplements containing pure and highly concentrated caffeine, will be progressed.

Risk classifying sports supplements containing pure and highly concentrated caffeine in the Order will enable the department to effectively enforce the proposed prohibition on these products at the border through the IFIS.

Yours sincerely

A/g Director
Imported Food, Compliance Policy

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