

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY (DAFF)

**SUBMISSION TO FOOD STANDARDS AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND
(FSANZ)**

**PROPOSAL – P1020 – ETHYL LAUROYL ARGINATE AS A FOOD
ADDITIVE IN SAUSAGES**

This submission by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) is a response to the FSANZ call for submissions on Proposal P1020 - Ethyl Lauroyl Arginate as a Food Additive in Sausages (24 April 2012).

DAFF is the Commonwealth Department with responsibility for industries that span the food supply chain, from agricultural industries through to food processing. DAFF jointly shares responsibility with the Department of Health and Ageing (DoHA) for food regulation policy for the Commonwealth Government.

General comments

Proposal P1020 has been prepared to correct the drafting to include permission to use ethyl lauroyl arginate for sausage and sausage meat containing raw, unprocessed meat.

FSANZ noted that the intent of the original drafting in relation to Application A1015 was to include permission for the use of ethyl lauroyl arginate for the subcategory sausage and sausage meat containing raw, unprocessed meat.

DAFF supports this Proposal and agrees that the risk assessment conclusions of the original ELA application (A1015) remain valid and therefore do not need to be reassessed. The conclusion of the risk assessment was that ELA was both safe and suitable as a preservative food additive to be added to specific foods, including sausages and sausage meats, with various maximum permitted levels.

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