



15th January 2013

Submission – Proposal 1019 (Carbon monoxide as a processing aid for fish)

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Master Fish Merchants' Association of Australia (MFMA) is a not-for-profit organisation that represents businesses that buy and sell seafood products – the post harvest sector. The Association was established in the 1930's and our membership includes some 180 businesses across Australia that operate as seafood retailers and wholesalers.

The MFMA does not support the use of carbon monoxide as a processing aid for fish. The Association believes that its use is unacceptable due to its capacity to disguise the age of fish and therefore potentially deceive seafood consumers. It is clear that carbon monoxide has an ongoing technological function (colouring and/or colour fixing) in fish and as such it should not be permitted for use as a processing aid.

As such the MFMA strongly support the FSANZ proposal to amend the processing aid standard to remove permission for the use of carbon monoxide as a processing aid for fish.

Yours sincerely,


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