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APPLICATION – ADMINISTRATIVE ASSESSMENT

A1062	Date Received: 16 May 2011 Date Due for completion of Administrative Assessment: 7 June 2011 Date Administrative Assessment Completed: 3 June 2011	
Applicant: Industrial Research Limited		Potentially Affected Standards in the Code: 1.3.3 – Processing Aids 1.3.4 – Identity and Purity
Title: Dimethyl Ether as a Processing Aid for Non-dairy Foods Brief Description of Application: To approve the use of dimethyl ether as an extraction solvent for products derived from plants, animal tissue, ova, marine organisms and microorganisms including algae, fungi and bacteria.		
Procedure: General	Estimated total hours: Up to 350 hours Reasons why: Dimethyl ether is a recognised processing aid that has undergone safety assessment overseas. However, it has not been assessed by the Joint Expert Committee on Food Additives.	Estimated start work: January 2012

DECISION

Application accepted Date: 3 June 2011

<p>Has the Applicant claimed Confidential Commercial Information status?</p> <p>Yes No ✓</p> <p>What documents are affected?</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>Has the Applicant provided justification for Confidential Commercial Information status?</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p>Is the Application for a High Level Health Claim?</p> <p>Yes No ✓</p> <p>If so, has the Applicant made an election to have FSANZ give public notice calling for submissions under s.51 of the FSANZ Act?</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p>Has the Applicant sought special consideration e.g. novel food exclusivity, two separate applications which need to be progressed together e.g. a novel food and a related high level health claim.</p> <p>Yes No ✓</p> <p>Details: N/A</p>

Charges

<p>Does FSANZ consider that the application is subject to ECCB?</p> <p>Yes No ✓</p>
<p>Does the Applicant want to expedite consideration of this Application?</p> <p>Yes No Not known ✓</p>

Application Handbook Requirements

<p>Which Guidelines within the Part 3 of the <i>Application Handbook</i> apply to this Application:</p> <p>3.1.1, 3.3.2</p> <p>Does the Application meet the requirements of the relevant Guideline/s?</p> <p>Yes ✓ No</p> <p>Is the checklist completed?</p> <p>Yes ✓ No</p> <p>What information is not provided?</p> <p>none</p>
<p>Does the Application relate to a matter that may be developed as a food regulatory measure, or that warrants a variation of a food regulatory measure?</p> <p>Yes ✓ No</p>
<p>Is the Application so similar to a previous application or proposal for the development or variation of a food regulatory measure that it ought not to be accepted?</p> <p>Yes No ✓</p>

<p>Did the Applicant identify the Procedure that, in their view, applies to the consideration of this Application?</p> <p>Yes ✓ No</p> <p>If yes, indicate which Procedure:</p> <p>General</p>
<p>Other Comments or Relevant Matters:</p> <p>Similar to A1056 but covering different food groups.</p>

CONSULTATION & ASSESSMENT TIMEFRAME

<p>Consultation Strategy:</p> <p>Proposed length of public consultation period/s:</p> <p>General Procedure (6 weeks)</p>	<p>Community Involvement Category: 5</p> <p>Case of minor significance or complexity with little adverse impact on individual interests</p>												
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