

**26 July 2013**

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**Administrative Assessment Report – Application A1088**

Sodium Hydrosulphite as a Food Additive

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| **Date received: 7 June 2013****Date due for completion of administrative assessment:** 1 July 2013**Date completed: 27 June 2013** |
| **Applicant:** Seafood New Zealand Limited | **Potentially affected Standards:**1.2.4, 1.3.1, 1.3.4  |
| **Brief description of Application:** To include sodium hydrosulphite (sodium dithionite) as a food additive (antioxidant) to be used in canned abalone. |
| **Procedure:** General  | **Estimated total hours:** Up to 350Reasons why**:**As this application is seeking permissions for a new food additive, with the same technological purpose as other already permitted additives, the assessment will be of less than average complexity. | **Estimated start work:** Jan 2014 |

***Decision***

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| **Application accepted** **Date: 27 June 2013** |

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| **Has the Applicant requested confidential commercial information status?** Yes✔ NoWhat documents are affected? Reference 17**Has the Applicant provided justification for confidential commercial information request?** Yes✔ No N/A |
| **Has the Applicant sought special consideration e.g. novel food exclusivity, two separate applications which need to be progressed together?**Yes No✔ |

***Charges***

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| **Does FSANZ consider that the application confers an exclusive capturable commercial benefit on the Applicant?**Yes No✔  |
| **Does the Applicant want to expedite consideration of this Application?**Yes No Not known✔  |

***Application Handbook requirements***

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| **Which Guidelines within the Part 3 of the *Application Handbook* apply to this Application?**3.1, 3.3.1 **Is the checklist completed?**Yes ✔ No**Does the Application meet the requirements of the relevant Guidelines?** Yes ✔ No  |
| **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?**Yes✔ No |
| **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?**Yes No✔ |
| **Did the Applicant identify the Procedure that, in their view, applies to the consideration of this Application?**Yes ✔ No**If yes, indicate which Procedure:** General |

***Consultation & assessment timeframe***

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| **Proposed length of public consultation period:** 6 weeks  |
| **Proposed timeframe for assessment:****‘Early Bird Notification’ due: 25 July 2013**Commence assessment (clock start) Early Jan 2014Completion of assessment & preparation of draft food reg measure Early May 2014Public comment Mid-May – late June 2014Board to complete approval Mid-Sept 2014Notification to Forum Late Sept 2014Anticipated gazettal if no review requested Early Dec 2014 |