

Comments from the Victorian Departments of Health & Human Services and Economic Development, Jobs, Transport & Resources

Due date – 29 March 2016

The Victorian Departments of Health & Human Services and Economic Development, Jobs Transport & Resources (the departments) welcome the opportunity to provide comments on Application A1120 – Agarose ion exchange resin as a processing aid for lactoferrin production.

Application A1120 seeks approval for the use of an agarose ion exchange resin in the production of high purity lactoferrin from bovine milk and milk products. The applicant has noted that there is increased research interest in the physiological functions of lactoferrins.

From the FSANZ assessment report it is understood that:

- lactoferrin is present at low levels in milk.
- this particular agarose ion exchange resin is the only commercially viable method for lactoferrin production.
- the agarose exchange resin was approved as a food contact substance by the USFDA in 2004.
- there are no identifiable public health and safety concerns with the proposed use of the ion exchange resin.

The departments agree with the conclusions reached by FSANZ that the proposed use of the resin as a processing aid for lactoferrin production, in its prescribed form and usage, is technologically justified and presents no public health or safety concerns.

On this basis, the progression of Application A1120 is supported.
