



Application A1123

Isomalto-oligosaccharide as a Novel Food

General Procedure

NSW appreciates the opportunity to comment on Application 1123 – Isomalto-oligosaccharide (IMO) as a novel food.

NSW recognises the extensive safety and dietary exposure assessments undertaken by FSANZ on IMO. NSW notes that no abdominal symptoms (e.g. laxative effects) are identified up to a single daily dose of 40g.

NSW has concerns with possible excesses of this value when combinations of products containing IMO are consumed in the same day. It is acknowledged that consumption of these products will not result in excesses of 40g in a single dose, but may result in over 40g of IMO being ingested in one day.

NSW requests clarity from FSANZ in this regard. Should the case be that consumption of over 40g of IMO in a single day, *but not as a single dose*, be associated with abdominal symptoms, then advisory labelling such as 'excess consumption may have a laxative effect' may be warranted. Such products may be flavoured milks, soft drinks and chocolate as identified by FSANZ in SD 1 *Risk and technical assessment for Application 1123*.

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The views expressed in this submission may or may not accord with those of other NSW Government agencies. The NSW Food Authority has a policy which encourages the full range of NSW agency views to be submitted during the standards development stages before final assessment. Other relevant NSW Government agencies are aware of and agree with this policy.