

submissions

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Sent: Monday, 15 August 2016 3:38 PM
To: standards management
Subject: Submission – Proposal P1042

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to support the sale of food derived from the seeds of low delta 9-tetrahydrocannabinol varieties of *Cannabis sativa* (low THC hemp) as discussed in Proposal P1042. In particular I am writing to request that if the proposal is approved then **the approval applies to imported products** as well as those produced in Australia so that Australian consumers can get these products at the prices available overseas.

I used hemp oil, e.g. <http://www.goodhempfood.com/blog/product/good-hemp-oil/> on the recommendation of my doctor when I lived in the UK. I also used hemp protein as an additional source of vegetable based protein. I was extremely surprised when I moved back to Australia to find that hemp products weren't just not available, but were banned and couldn't even be imported for personal use.

Hemp products are freely available in the UK with the Good Oil discussed above available in major supermarkets like Tesco, Waitrose, Sainsburys and ASDA. I am not aware of any problems with their availability.

I therefore support the proposal to allow hemp foods in Australia and request that the approval apply to both products produced in Australia and imported to Australia. This will mean that Australian consumers don't have to pay the high prices that are currently charged for the hemp products that are currently, somehow, available in Australia.

Please contact me if I can provide any further information.

Paul Swain