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SUBMISSION

Attention: **Project Manager – Proposal P298**

Food Standards Australia New Zealand
Box 7186,
Canberra BC,
ACT, Australia, 2610.

Re: **Benzoate and Sulphite Permissions in Food - Initial Assessment Report**

FTA Victoria has reviewed this [Proposal](#) and endorses the following comments of the Technical Sub Committee:

The Committee accepted in order of preference:

- A. Option 4 – Encourage consumers to eat a balanced diet and not over-consume foods with high levels of benzoates and/or sulphites;
- B. Option 3 – review and partially replace the use of benzoates and/or sulphites with alternative preservatives, or consideration of altering the methods of preventing microbial spoilage;
- C. Option 2 – review and reduce permissions for benzoates and/or sulphites for certain foods.

It was considered that all of the above options were all important and require to be implemented in conjunction with each other.

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We would appreciate being maintained on the circulation list for any changes in this matter and to receiving notification of the next step concerning this [Proposal](#).

Yours sincerely,

David Gill
PRESIDENT – FTA VICTORIA