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ABANDONMENT OF A PROPOSAL

PROPOSAL P307

CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE PRIMARY PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING STANDARD FOR POULTRY MEAT

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Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) has been developing, under Proposal P307, a Code of Practice for the (proposed) Primary Production and Processing Standard for Poultry Meat.

Proposal P307 was prepared in September 2007 in order to consider the means by which a poultry meat business could comply with the proposed primary production and processing Standard for poultry meat and to include these measures in a code of practice. The code of practice was being developed as a regulatory measure under the *Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991* (FSANZ Act) (as was in force prior to 1 July 2007) to include in the standard a means by which poultry businesses could comply with the poultry meat standard.

Subsequent to this Proposal being prepared, consultations were held with the agencies responsible for enforcing the proposed poultry meat Standard as to matters that are to be included in standards and matters that are the responsibility of the enforcement agencies. Further to these consultations FSANZ has decided to refer to the code of practice in the standard only as a guidance document and therefore does not need to develop it as a 'regulatory measure'.

FSANZ will continue to develop the guidance document, in consultation with enforcement agencies and industry, but has decided to abandon Proposal P307. FSANZ proposes to finalise the guidance document within twelve months of the poultry meat Standard being finalised. The enforcement agencies will collectively consider the status of the FSANZ guidance document as part of their proposals for implementation of the poultry meat standard.