

REJECTION NOTICE

Variation to Standard 1.4.4

The Australia and New Zealand Ministerial Forum on Food Regulation (the Forum) met in Auckland on 30 January 2015 and resolved to reject the proposed variation to Standard 1.4.4 – Prohibited and Restricted Plants and Fungi to permit the sale of foods derived from the seeds of low THC hemp, resulting from Application A1039.

The Forum noted FSANZ's view that foods derived from the seeds of low THC hemp do not present any food safety concerns.

However, several concerns were raised by some Forum Members, including law enforcement issues, particularly from a policing perspective in relation to roadside drug testing as well as that the marketing of hemp in food may send a confused message to consumers about the acceptability and safety of Cannabis.

A number of Forum Members were concerned about information still required on a number of issues, including Cannabidiol levels, in order to make a fully informed decision.

This notice is published in accordance with Section 91 of the Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act (1991).