

Hon Andrew Hoggard

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Hon Ged Kearney MP
Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care
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House of Representatives
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Minister Kearney,

I am writing to advise you that New Zealand will be opting out of the amended infant formula standard developed under P1028, on third country trade grounds.

The New Zealand Cabinet has made this decision because of concerns that aspects of the amended standard could negatively impact New Zealand's infant formula exporters. New Zealand infant formula manufacturers have reached out to me to express their concerns that prohibitions on ingredient statements could affect their ability to remain competitive in the global market.

The decision for New Zealand to opt out of the amended standard is due to exceptional circumstances. However, I wish to assure you that New Zealand remains committed to our world class Trans-Tasman food system and working towards food standards harmonisation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Hoggard', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Hon Andrew Hoggard
Minister for Food Safety