

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>AUSTRALIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Australia New Zealand Food Authority Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Specific labelling statements
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Explanatory Notes – Proposal No. P161 (10 pages)
6.	Description of content: This proposal forms part of the review of labelling in the Food Standards Code. It assesses the current provisions for specific labelling statements such as warning statements.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Some of the warning and advisory statements proposed for declaration in food labels are not a requirement of Codex and may create barriers to trade.
8.	Relevant documents: Australian Food Standards Code
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Recommendation to Government anticipated late 1999. Proposed date of entry into force: Entry into force to be confirmed after Government approval.
10.	Final date for comments: The domestic closing date for comments is 31 March 1999 however comments from Members will be accepted until 16 April 1999 if notice of intention to comment is received by the domestic closing date.
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: Australia New Zealand Food Authority quoting Proposal P161. This notification is identical to that notified by New Zealand. Australia New Zealand Food Authority PO Box 7186 Canberra Mail Centre ACT 2610 AUSTRALIA Fax: +61 2 62712278 Email: slo@anzfa.gov.au