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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1.	Notifying Member: <u>AUSTRALIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Food Standards Australia New Zealand P.O. Box 7186 Canberra BC ACT 2610 Australia E-mail: standards.management@foodstandards.gov.au Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other: X
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Foods sold in Australia (both imported and domestically produced)
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: 2nd call for submissions for Proposal P1025 Code Revision (921 pages, in English)
6.	Description of content: The Proposal seeks to modernise how the <i>Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code</i> (the Code) is presented to create an instrument that better meets the needs of a very broad range of stakeholders in industry, commerce and enforcement and improves the Code's efficacy. For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It more clearly presents requirements that impose an obligation in relation to the conduct of a food business or the sale of food, or relating to the composition of food or labelling.• Other changes modify or add definitions and alter the structure of the Code to improve navigation or to address problems of expression.• Compositional requirements that combined definitional and requirement elements have been revised to separate the elements.• There is a greater reliance on definitions already present in the food acts of Australia's states and territories. <p>The Proposal will not significantly alter the effect of current provisions that impose requirements or obligations.</p>
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: All proposals to change the Code must be assessed in the context of the following objectives: (a) the protection of public health and safety; (b) the provision of adequate information relating to food to enable consumers to make informed choices; and (c) the prevention of misleading or deceptive conduct.
8.	Relevant documents: <i>Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code</i> (English)

9.	Proposed date of adoption: FSANZ Board approval anticipated December 2014 Proposed date of entry into force: Notification to Government anticipated February 2015 with gazettal / registration of legislative instruments to follow, in April 2015, pending Government consideration
10.	Final date for comments: 12 September 2014
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body: The assessment summary and draft Code are available (in English) from FSANZ's website at http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/code/proposals/Pages/proposalp1025coderev5755.aspx