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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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:

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Assessment summary available (in English) from FSANZ's website at http://www.foodstandards.govt.nz/code/proposals/Pages/proposalp1026lupinas5830.aspx

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 [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): Foods sold in Australia (both imported and domestically produced) which are lupin seeds/kernels or are derived/contain ingredients derived from lupin seeds
- 5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Assessment summary for Proposal P1026 Lupin as an Allergen (22 pages, in English)
- **6. Description of content:** This Proposal seeks to amend the Australian New Zealand Food Standards Code to require declaration of lupin (for example via labelling) when present in food due to its allergenicity potential.

In order to manage the potential risk of consumption of lupin and lupin-derived food products, FSANZ has prepared a draft food regulatory measure to apply the mandatory allergen requirements to lupin and lupin-derived products. It is proposed the following will be covered by the mandatory requirements:

- packaged and unpackaged food containing any form of lupin, including oil derived from lupin
- the use of lupin as a processing aid or as an ingredient of a processing aid
- food additives derived from or including lupin as an ingredient
- the use of lupin as an ingredient of a compound ingredient
- 7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: In Australia there have been a number of cases of severe reactions, including anaphylaxis, reported in people who have consumed food containing lupin. This, along with the expected future increase of the use of lupin in foods in Australia and the potential that people with other legume allergies e.g. peanut and soy, may also react to lupin, poses an ongoing risk for Australian consumers that needs to be managed to avoid future cases of allergic reactions.

All proposals to change the Australia New Zealand Food Standards 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: Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code (English)
- 9. Proposed date of adoption: FSANZ Board approval anticipated early December 2016
 Proposed date of entry into force: Notification to Government anticipated mid-December 2016 with gazettal / registration to follow, in February 2017, pending Government consideration.
- 10. Final date for comments: 29 August 2016
- 11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:

Documents are available from the Food Standards Australia New Zealand website: http://www.foodstandards.govt.nz/code/proposals/Pages/proposalp1026lupinas5830.aspX