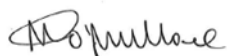


Food Standards (Application A1269 – Cultured quail as a novel food – Consequential Amendments) Variation

The Board of Food Standards Australia New Zealand gives notice of the making of this variation under section 92 of the *Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991*. The variation commences on the date specified in clause 3 of this variation.

Dated 10 June 2025



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Note:

This variation will be published in the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette No. FSC 179 on 18 June 2025. This means that this date is the gazettal date for the purposes of the above notice.

1 Name

This instrument is the *Food Standards (Application A1269 – Cultured quail as a novel food – Consequential Amendments) Variation*.

2 Variation to Standards in the *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code*

The Schedule varies Standards in the *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code*.

3 Commencement

The variation commences immediately after the commencement of Standard 1.5.4.

SCHEDULE

Standard 1.1.1—*Structure of the Code and general provisions*

[1] **Subsection 1.1.1—2(2)**

Insert:

Standard 1.5.4 Cell-cultured foods

[2] **Subsection 1.1.1—2(2)**

Insert:

Standard 3.4.1 Food Safety requirements for processing of cell-cultured food

[3] **Subsection 1.1.1—2(2)**

Insert:

Schedule 25A Permitted cell-cultured foods

[4] **Paragraph 1.1.1—10(5)(b)**

Repeal the paragraph, substitute:

- (b) if the food is for retail sale—a *novel food;
- (ba) a *cell-cultured food;

[5] **Paragraph 1.1.1—10(6)(f)**

Repeal the paragraph, substitute:

- (f) if the food is for retail sale—a *novel food;
- (fa) a *cell-cultured food;

[6] **Paragraph 1.1.1—15(1)(d)**

Repeal the paragraph, substitute:

- (d) a *novel food;
- (e) a *cell-cultured food.

Standard 1.1.2—*Definitions used throughout the Code*

[7] **Subsection 1.1.2—2(3)**

Insert:

cell-cultured food means a food obtained by culturing cells isolated from any of the following sources: livestock; poultry; game; seafood (including fish); an egg or an embryo of any of the former.

[8] Subsection 1.1.2—8(1) (paragraph (c) of the definition of non-traditional food)

Repeal the paragraph, substitute:

- (c) any other substance, where that substance, or the source from which it is derived, does not have a history of human consumption as a food in Australia or New Zealand; and
- (d) does not include a *cell-cultured food.

Standard 1.2.1—Requirements to have labels or otherwise provide information

[9] Paragraph 1.2.1—8(1)(l)

Repeal the paragraph, substitute:

- (l) information relating to irradiated food (see section 1.5.3—9);
- (la) information relating to *cell-cultured food (see sections 1.5.4—5 and 1.5.4—6);

[10] Paragraph 1.2.1—9(3)(ba)

Repeal the paragraph, substitute:

- (ba) for a food referred to in paragraph 1.2.1—6(1)(c)—information relating to foods produced using gene technology (see section 1.5.2—4);
- (baa) information relating to *cell-cultured food (see section 1.5.4—5).

[11] Paragraph 1.2.1—15(g)

Repeal the paragraph, substitute:

- (g) information relating to irradiated food (see section 1.5.3—9);
- (h) information relating to *cell-cultured food (see section 1.5.4—7).

Standard 3.1.1—Interpretation and Application

[12] Clause 1 (Interpretation)

Insert:

cell culturing food business has the meaning given by section 3.4.1—2.

cell line supplier has the meaning given by section 3.4.1—2.

[13] Clause 1 (definition of food business)

Repeal the definition, substitute:

food business means –

- (a) a business, enterprise or activity (other than primary food production) that involves one or both of following:

- (i) the handling of food intended for sale; or
- (ii) the sale of food:

regardless of whether the business, enterprise or activity concerned is of a commercial, charitable or community nature or whether it involves the handling or sale of food on one occasion only; or

- (b) a cell culturing food business; or
- (c) a cell line supplier.

Schedule 3—Identity and purity

[14] Subsection S3—2(2) (table, after the table item dealing with ‘carboxymethyl cellulose ion exchange resin’)

Insert:

cell-cultured quail

section S3—54

[15] After section S3—53

Insert

S3—54 Specification for cell-cultured quail

- (1) For the purposes of this specification, **cell-cultured quail** means quail cells obtained from culturing embryonic fibroblast cells (cell line 221523-Fib-Quail) sourced from *Coturnix japonica*.
- (2) For cell-cultured quail, the specifications are the following:
 - (a) protein—not less than 4%;
 - (b) moisture—not less than 80%;
 - (c) ash—not more than 1.5%;
 - (d) fat—not less than 0.5% and not more than 3.0%;
 - (e) carbohydrates—not more than 1%.

Schedule 27—Microbiological limits in food

[16] Section S27—4 (table, at the end of the table)

Add:

Cell-cultured food (excluding cell lines)

<i>Salmonella</i> spp	5	0	not detected in 25 g
<i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>	5	0	not detected in 25 g