



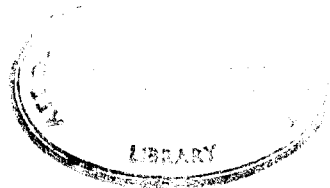
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**AMENDMENTS TO THE
NATIONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL'S
FOOD STANDARDS CODE
(AMENDMENT NO. 4)**

1. Preamble

The amendments set forth in the Schedule below are amendments to the National Health and Medical Research Council's Food Standards Code (hereinafter called 'the Code') which was published in the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette, No. P27, on 27 August 1987, and which has been amended from time to time.

The Schedule contains amendments adopted by the National Food Standards Council in November 1989.

2. Title

These amendments may be collectively added as 'Amendment No. 4' to the Code.

3. Commencement

These amendments to the Code will commence on the first day of December 1989.

SCHEDULE

1. **Standard A6** is repealed and the following Standard is substituted:

***A6 - FLAVOURINGS AND FLAVOUR ENHANCERS**

Addition of flavourings and flavour enhancers

1. Unless expressly permitted by this Code, a flavouring or flavour enhancer shall not be added to a food.

Flavour enhancers

2. (1) Subject to subclause (2) and clause 3, where the addition of flavourings to a food is permitted by this Code, any of the following substances may be added to the food as flavour enhancers:

- (a) monosodium L-glutamate;
- (b) disodium guanylate;
- (c) disodium inosinate;
- (d) thaumatin.

- (2) Flavour enhancers shall not be added to:

- (a) food for infants; or
- (b) fruit juice or fruit juice drinks.

3. (1) Except where subclause (2) applies, food may contain not more than 5 mg/kg of added thaumatin.

- (2) The food set forth below may contain not more than the proportion of added thaumatin indicated opposite and in relation to each of them respectively:

chewing gum	150 mg/kg
flavour oils and flavour concentrates	500 mg/kg
seasonings	250 mg/kg.

4. (1) Subject to subclause (2) ethyl maltol may be used as a component of flavourings that are permitted to be added to food.

- (2) Ethyl maltol shall not be added to fruit juice or fruit juice drinks.

Caffeine

5. Except as permitted by paragraph (3)(d) of Standard O1 or by paragraph (3)(c) of Standard O4, caffeine shall not be added to a food.

Quinine

6. Except as permitted by paragraph (4)(a) of Standard O4 or by paragraph (9)(a) of Standard P4, quinine shall not be added to a food.

Labelling requirements

7. (1) Subject to Subclause (2), the label on or attached to a package containing a food to which a flavouring or a flavour enhancer has been added shall, unless this Code expressly requires otherwise, include the words 'FLAVOUR ADDED' or the words 'FLAVOUR ENHANCER ADDED', or both, as the case may be, in standard type.

(2) Subclause (1) does not apply to the label on or attached to a package containing a food if the presence of the flavouring or flavour enhancer is declared in a statement of ingredients on the label in accordance with clause A1 (5)."

2. Standard C1 is amended by:

(a) inserting after sub-subparagraph (5)(b)(ii)(C) the following sub-subparagraph:

'(CA) monosodium L-glutamate;';

(b) inserting after sub-subparagraph (11)(d)(i)(B) the following sub-subparagraph:

'(BA) monosodium L-glutamate'.

3. Standard C2 is amended by inserting in paragraph (1)(a) ', monosodium L-glutamate' after 'seasoning'.

4. Standard D1 is amended by:

(a) inserting in subparagraph (8)(a)(i) ', monosodium L-glutamate' after 'spices';

(b) omitting from subparagraph (9)(c) ' or spices' and substituting ', spices or monosodium L-glutamate'.

5. Standard F2 is amended by inserting in paragraph (6)(b) ', monosodium L-glutamate' after 'spices'.

6. Standard F3 is amended by:

- (a) adding at the end of clause (1) the following paragraph:

'(d) Canned vegetables may contain glucono delta-lactone if -

- (i) an equilibrium pH value of 4.6 or lower is reached within six hours of the completion of the thermal process; and
- (ii) that pH value is maintained in the finished product.';

- (b) adding at the end of the Standard the following clause:

'(4) Canned asparagus, which is not in direct contact with tin, may contain not more than 25 mg/kg of added stannous chloride calculated as tin.'

7. Standard H8 is amended by:

- (a) omitting from paragraph (2)(a) 'milk or milk products' and substituting ', subject to paragraph (aa), milk or milk products';

- (b) inserting after paragraph (2)(a) the following paragraph:

'(aa) Yoghurt, reduced fat yoghurt or skim milk yoghurt may be made in whole or in part from milk other than that of a cow.';

- (c) omitting from sub-subparagraph (2)(b)(i)(B) '10' and substituting '5';

- (d) omitting from sub-subparagraph (2)(b)(i)(C) 'not more than 2 g/kg' and substituting 'less than 5 g/kg';

- (e) inserting after sub-subparagraph (2)(b)(iii)(C) the following sub-subparagraph:

'(D) honey within the meaning of Standard K2';

- (f) inserting after paragraph (4)(a) the following paragraph:

'(aa) Fruit reduced fat yoghurt, vegetable reduced fat yoghurt, or nut reduced fat yoghurt may be described in any label or advertisement as reduced fat fruit yoghurt, reduced fat vegetable yoghurt or reduced fat nut yoghurt, as the case may be.';

- (g) omitting from subparagraph (4)(b)(i) '7' and substituting '5';
- (h) inserting after paragraph (5)(a) the following paragraph:

'(aa) Fruit skim milk yoghurt, vegetable skim milk yoghurt or nut skim milk yoghurt may be described in any label or advertisement as skim milk fruit yoghurt, skim milk vegetable yoghurt or skim milk nut yoghurt, as the case may be.';

- (i) omitting from subparagraph (5)(b)(i) 'not more than 2 g/kg' and substituting 'less than 5 g/kg';
- (j) inserting after paragraph (7)(a) the following paragraph:

'(aa) Flavoured reduced fat yoghurt or flavoured skim milk yoghurt may be described in any label or advertisement as reduced fat flavoured yoghurt or skim milk flavoured yoghurt, as the case may be.';

- (k) omitting sub-subparagraph (10)(b)(iii)(B);
- (l) inserting after paragraph (10)(b) the following paragraph:

"(ba) There shall be written in the label on or attached to a package containing yoghurt, reduced fat yoghurt or skim milk yoghurt that has been prepared in whole or in part from milk other than that of the cow, immediately preceding or following the prescribed name or appropriate designation of the product in standard type of 3 mm, the words -

'MADE FROM (here insert the name of the animal from which the milk was obtained or, as the case requires, the names of the animals from which the milk was obtained in descending order of the proportion by mass of the milk equivalent of each of those animals used in the manufacture of yoghurt, reduced fat yoghurt or skim milk yoghurt) MILK'."

8. Standard J3 is amended by:

- (a) inserting in sub-subparagraph (2)(b)(ii)(C) ', monosodium L-glutamate' after 'spices';

(b) omitting paragraph (3)(d) and substituting the following paragraph:

'(d) Olives preserved in salt or brine may contain:

(i) not more than 500 mg/kg of sorbic acid;

(ii) not more than 150 mg/kg of ferrous gluconate calculated as total iron.'

9. Standard N2 is amended by:

(a) inserting in sub-subparagraphs (1)(b)(ii)(A), (2)(b)(ii)(A), (3)(b)(ii)(A), (4)(b)(ii)(B), (5)(b)(ii)(B) and (6)(b)(i)(B) 'amidated' after '5 g/kg of';

(b) inserting after sub-subparagraph (1)(b)(ii)(D) the following sub-subparagraph:

'(E) pectin';

(c) inserting after sub-subparagraph (2)(b)(ii)(D) the following sub-subparagraph:

'(E) pectin';

(d) inserting after sub-subparagraph (3)(b)(ii)(D) the following sub-subparagraph:

'(E) pectin';

(e) inserting after sub-subparagraph (4)(b)(ii)(C) the following sub-subparagraph:

'(D) pectin';

(f) inserting after sub-subparagraph (5)(b)(ii)(B) the following sub-subparagraph:

'(C) pectin';

(g) inserting after sub-subparagraph (6)(b)(i)(C) the following sub-subparagraph:

'(D) pectin'.

10. Standard R8 is amended by omitting from paragraph (2)(b) 'clause (5)' and substituting 'clause (6)'.