Proposal P1034 – Chemical Migration from Packaging into Food (Administrative Assessment – Prepare a proposal)

Recommendation

That the Delegate:

- (a) prepare a proposal, pursuant to subsection 113(6) of the Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991 to assess the public health and safety risk of chemical migration from packaging into food and to identify and manage any potential regulatory/non-regulatory issues
- (b) **agree**, pursuant to section 57, that the Major Procedure be adopted for consideration of the proposal
- (c) **agree**, pursuant to subsection 58(1), to give public notice
- (e) **approve** the draft summary of the proposal prepared pursuant to subsection 58(2), subject to minor editing changes as required.

1. Authority for decision

The Board has delegated to you the power to make the decision below. See the Instrument of Delegation No. 5 (2008).

- (a) Under subsection 25(2) of the FSANZ Act, the proposal must be in writing. This decision paper and the related summary fulfil these requirements.
- (b) When the proposal is prepared, FSANZ is required to give public notice and make a summary of the proposal available to the public.

2. Board consideration

The Board considered an Issues Paper on packaging at FSANZ56 and recommended that a Proposal be prepared.

3. **Previous Executive consideration**

The Executive initially considered and approved the business case for a review on packaging (W1019) on 6 August 2008. Subsequently, in November 2010, the Executive considered and approved that prioritisation of W1019 be updated from 'Slow Burn' to 'Active'.

Following Board consideration at FSANZ56, the Executive agreed (at the Product Safety and New Technologies Strategic Steering Committee Meeting on 22 January 2014) that W1019 be progressed through a Proposal (major procedure) and that the first public document be through a consultation paper.

The Executive considered and approved an updated business case to proceed (following minor wording amendments) on 29 April 2014.

Attachment

- 1. Administrative Assessment Report
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