



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 (FSANZ) 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 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], 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)
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Approval report, Application A1257 Australian native bee honey; Supporting Document 1 Risk and technical assessment Application A1257 – Australian native bee honey; (48 page(s), in English), (18 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: FSANZ has assessed an application to amend the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code to accept honey produced by stingless bee species native to Australia as a standardised food. FSANZ has approved a new standard (Standard 2.8.3 – Native bee honey) which sets out compositional and labelling requirements for honey produced by bees native to Australia from the genera <i>Tetragonula</i> and <i>Austroplebeia</i> , which are not known as 'honeybees'. A food that is sold as native bee honey produced by stingless bees native to Australia will have to meet the definition of native bee honey and meet the compositional requirements of the standard. However, there is no requirement for native bee honey to be a product of Australia.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: A relevant international standard for Australian native bee honey does not exist and the technical content of Standard 2.8.3 – Native bee honey is not in accordance with the technical content of the Codex Standard For Honey CXS 12-1981. Codex currently includes a definition for 'honey' which specifies honey is produced by honeybees. The genera <i>Tetragonula</i> and <i>Austroplebeia</i> are not honeybees' Native bee honey produced by stingless bees native to Australia also does not meet the compositional requirements for minimum reducing sugar content and maximum moisture content for honey in Codex.

8. Relevant documents: Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code (English)
9. Proposed date of adoption: 22 July 2024 Proposed date of entry into force: 22 July 2024
10. Final date for comments: 20 September 2024
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [] 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: A1257 - Australian native bee honey Food Standards Australia New Zealand Copies are also available from: Australian WTO TBT Enquiry Point Office of Global Trade Negotiations Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Canberra ACT 0221 Australia tbt.enquiry@dfat.gov.au +61 2 6261 1111 https://www.foodstandards.gov.au/food-standards-code/applications/A1257-Australian-native-bee-honey