

19 May 2023
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Administrative Assessment Report – Application A1271

Cellulase from GM *Aspergillus niger* as a processing aid

1. Application details

Date received: 21 March 2023		
Date due for completion of administrative assessment: 14 April 2023		
Date completed: 12 April 2023		
Applicant: Novozymes Australia Pty Ltd		Potentially affected Schedule 18
Brief description of application: To amend the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code to permit cellulase from genetically modified <i>Aspergillus niger</i> to be used as a processing aid in brewing of beer and in distilled alcohol production.		
Procedure: General Level 1	Maximum total variable hours: 240 hours Reasons why: Involves an assessment of the risk to public health and safety of less than average complexity	Estimated start date for assessment: April 2024

2. Decision

Application accepted
Decision Date: 12 April 2023

3. Consultation & assessment timeframe

Proposed length of public consultation period:
6 weeks

Proposed timeframe for assessment

General Procedure:

Commence assessment (clock start)	Mid May 2023
Public comment	Mid Sep – late Oct 2023
Board to complete approval by	Mid Feb 2024
Notification to Food Ministers' Meeting (FMM)	Late Feb 2024
Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Mid May 2024