

Standard 2.6.3

Kava

Purpose

This Standard, in conjunction with the *National Code of Management on the Restriction of the Sale and Advertising of Kava* (the National Code of Kava Management), regulates the sale and distribution of kava in Australia.

While Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments recognise the cultural importance of kava to the Australian South Pacific community, this Standard and the National Code of Kava Management seek to minimise the detrimental effects associated with kava abuse.

In New Zealand this Standard regulates the labelling of sale of kava, and prohibits the addition of kava to foods other than those that comply with New Zealand *Dietary Supplements Regulations (1985)*. The National Code of Kava Management is not in operation in New Zealand.

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1 Interpretation

In this Standard -

kava means the plant, or a derivative of the plant, *Piper methysticum*, whether or not mixed with water.

2 Prohibition

Kava must not be used as an ingredient in foods other than those products regulated under the *Dietary Supplements Regulations (1985)* in New Zealand as in force on 1 January 2000.

3 Labelling

(1) There shall be written in the label on or attached to a package containing kava, the following statements-

- (a) 'Use in moderation'; and
- (b) 'May cause drowsiness'; and

(c) 'The sale and distribution of kava in Australia is subject to the National Code of Kava Management'.

(2) Where kava is offered for sale other than in a package, there must be displayed in connection with the food, the statements that would, if the kava were packaged, be required by subclause (1) to be included in the label on or attached to the package.

Editorial note:

This Standard will be reviewed prior to the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code becoming the sole Food Standards Code in Australia and New Zealand.