

**Standard 4.2.6 – Production and Processing Standard for Seed Sprouts**

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***PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING STANDARD FOR***

***SEED SPROUTS***

**(Australia only)**

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**Division 1 – Preliminary**

**1 Interpretation**

(1) Unless the contrary intention appears, and subject to Standard 4.1.1, the definitions in Chapter 3 of this Code apply in this Standard.

(2) In this Standard –

**decontamination** means a process using a controlled environment to reduce the level of pathogenic organisms that may be present in seed sprouts.

**seed** means seed for use in the production of seed sprouts.

**seed sprouts** means sprouted seeds or sprouted beans for human consumption that include all or part of the seed.

**sprout processor** has the meaning given by clause 4.

**2 Application to retail sale**

This Standard does not apply to retail sale activities of a sprout processor.

**3 Application of food safety standards**

Standards 3.2.2 and 3.2.3 apply to a sprout processor.

**Division 2 – Processing of seed sprouts**

**4 Meaning of sprout processor**

A **sprout processor** means a business, enterprise or activity that involves any or all of the following for producing seed sprouts –

(a) decontamination of seed or seed sprouts;

(b) soaking of seed;

(c) germination or growth of seed;

(d) harvest of seed sprouts; or

(e) washing, drying or packing of seed sprouts.

**5 General food safety management requirements**

A sprout processor must comply with the general food safety management requirements.

**6 Receiving seed**

A sprout processor must not produce or process seed sprouts if the processor ought reasonably know or suspect that the seed is of a nature or in a condition that would make the seed sprouts unacceptable.

**7 Inputs**

A sprout processor must take all reasonable measures to ensure inputs do not make the seed sprouts unacceptable.

**8 Decontamination**

A sprout processor must implement effective decontamination processes prior to sale or supply of seed sprouts.

**9 Traceability**

A sprout processor must have a system to identify –

(a) from whom seed or seed sprouts were received;

(b) to whom seed or seed sprouts were supplied.

**10 Sale or supply**

A sprout processor must not sell or supply seed sprouts for human consumption if the sprout processor ought reasonably know or reasonably suspect that the seed sprouts are unacceptable.