

**Food Standards (Proposal P1025 – Code Revision) Variation**

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The Board of Food Standards Australia New Zealand gives notice of the making of this standard under section 92 of the *Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991*. The Standard commences on 1 March 2016.

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Standards Management Officer  
Delegate of the Board of Food Standards Australia New Zealand

**Note:**

This Standard will be published in the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette No. FSC 96 on 10 April 2015.

## Standard 1.2.4 Information requirements – statement of ingredients

**Note 1** This instrument is a standard under the *Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991* (Cth). The standards together make up the *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code*. See also section 1.1.1—3.

**Note 2** The provisions of the Code that apply in New Zealand are incorporated in, or adopted under, the *Food Act 2014* (NZ). See also section 1.1.1—3.

### 1.2.4—1 Name

This Standard is *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code – Standard 1.2.4 – Information requirements – statement of ingredients*.

**Note** Commencement:

This Standard commences on 1 March 2016, being the date specified as the commencement date in notices in the *Gazette* and the *New Zealand Gazette* under section 92 of the *Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991* (Cth). See also section 93 of that Act.

### 1.2.4—2 Requirement for statement of ingredients

- (1) In this Code, a **statement of ingredients** for a food for sale is a statement of ingredients that complies with this Code.
- (2) To avoid doubt, if:
  - (a) the label lists the name of the food in accordance with paragraph 1.2.1—8(1)(a); and
  - (b) a statement of ingredients that complies with this Standard would list only the name of the food in accordance with paragraph 1.2.1—8(1)(a);the label is taken to contain a statement of ingredients.
- (3) For the labelling provisions, a requirement for a statement of ingredients does not apply to:
  - (a) water that is packaged and labelled in accordance with Standard 2.6.2; or
  - (b) a \*standardised alcoholic beverage; or
  - (c) a food for sale that is contained in a \*small package.

**Note 1** The labelling provisions are set out in Standard 1.2.1.

**Note 2** Despite subsection (3), the presence of some ingredients must be declared—see Standard 1.2.3.

### 1.2.4—3 Requirement to list all ingredients

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), a statement of ingredients must list each ingredient in the food for sale.
- (2) A statement of ingredients need not list:
  - (a) an ingredient of a \*flavouring substance; or  
**Note** Despite paragraph (a), subsection 1.2.4—7(5) and 1.2.4—7(6) require some ingredients of flavouring substances to be specifically declared or listed in the statement of ingredients.
  - (b) a volatile ingredient which is completely removed during processing; or
  - (c) added water that:
    - (i) is added to reconstitute dehydrated or concentrated ingredients; or
    - (ii) forms part of broth, brine or syrup that is declared in the statement of ingredients or is part of the name of the food; or
    - (iii) constitutes less than 5% of the food; or
  - (d) a substance that is \*used as a processing aid in accordance with Standard 1.3.3; or
  - (e) a food that is used as a processing aid.

#### 1.2.4—4 **Ingredients to be listed by common, descriptive or generic name**

A statement of ingredients must identify each ingredient:

- (a) in the case of offal—in accordance with section 2.2.1—6; or
- (b) in any other case, using any of:
  - (i) a name by which the ingredient is commonly known; or
  - (ii) a name that describes the true nature of the ingredient; or
  - (iii) a generic name for the ingredient that is specified in Schedule 10, in accordance with any conditions specified in that Schedule.

#### 1.2.4—5 **Ingredients to be listed in descending order of ingoing weight**

- (1) A statement of ingredients must list each ingredient in descending order of ingoing weight.
- (2) The ingoing weight of an ingredient may be determined in accordance with its weight before dehydration or concentration, if the ingredient:
  - (a) is a dehydrated or concentrated ingredient; and
  - (b) is reconstituted during preparation, manufacture or handling of the food.
- (3) Despite subsection (1), if a food is represented as one that is to be reconstituted in accordance with directions:
  - (a) the ingredients may be listed in descending order of their weight in the reconstituted food; and
  - (b) if the ingredients are listed on this basis, this must be made clear on the label.
- (4) For subsection (1), the ingoing weight of water, or of a volatile ingredient, **IW**, must be calculated in accordance with the following equation:

$$IW = X - Y$$

where:

**X** is the weight of the water or volatile ingredient that is added to the food.

**Y** is the sum of:

- (a) the weight of any water or volatile ingredient that is removed; and
- (b) the weight of any water or volatile ingredient that is used for reconstitution of dehydrated or concentrated ingredients;

during preparation, manufacture or handling of the food.

- (5) A \*compound ingredient must be listed in a statement of ingredients by listing, in accordance with subsection (1):
  - (a) the compound ingredient by name as an ingredient of the food for sale, in accordance with subsection (6); or
  - (b) each ingredient of the compound ingredient individually as an ingredient of the food for sale.
- (6) If a \*compound ingredient is listed in accordance with paragraph (5)(a), it must be followed by a list, in brackets, of:
  - (a) if the compound ingredient comprises 5% or more of the food for sale—all ingredients that make up the compound ingredient; or
  - (b) if the compound ingredient comprises less than 5% of the food for sale—the following ingredients:
    - (i) any ingredient of the compound ingredient that is required to be listed in accordance with section 1.2.3—4; and

- (ii) any substance \*used as a food additive in the compound ingredient which performs a technological purpose in the food for sale.
- (7) Paragraph (5)(a) does not apply to food for infants.
- Note** See Standard 2.9.2.
- (8) Despite subsection (6), the ingredients of a \*standardised alcoholic beverage do not need to be listed in a statement of ingredients if the alcoholic beverage has been listed as an ingredient of the food for sale.

#### **1.2.4—6 Declaration of alternative ingredients**

If the composition of a food for sale is subject to minor variations by the substitution of an ingredient which performs a similar function, the statement of ingredients may list both ingredients in a way which makes it clear that alternative or substitute ingredients are being declared.

#### **1.2.4—7 Declaration of substances used as food additives**

- (1) A substance (including a vitamin or mineral) \*used as a food additive must be listed in a statement of ingredients by specifying:
- (a) if the substance can be classified into a class of additives listed in Schedule 7 (whether prescribed or optional)—that class name, followed in brackets by the name or \*code number of the substance as indicated in Schedule 8; or
  - (b) otherwise—the name of the substance as indicated in Schedule 8.
- (2) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(a), if the substance can be classified into more than 1 class, the most appropriate class name must be used.
- (3) Despite paragraph (1)(a), if the substance is an enzyme:
- (a) it may be listed as ‘enzyme’; and
  - (b) the specific name of the enzyme need not be listed.
- (4) If a \*flavouring substance is an ingredient, it must be listed in the statement of ingredients by using:
- (a) the word ‘flavouring’ or ‘flavour’; or
  - (b) a more specific name or description of the flavouring substance.
- (5) If any of the following substances are added to a food for sale as a \*flavouring substance or as an ingredient of a flavouring substance, the name of the substance must be specifically declared in accordance with subsection (1):
- (a) L-glutamic acid;
  - (b) monosodium glutamate;
  - (c) monopotassium L-glutamate;
  - (d) calcium di-L-glutamate;
  - (e) monoammonium L-glutamate;
  - (f) magnesium di-L-glutamate;
  - (g) disodium guanylate;
  - (h) disodium inosinate;
  - (i) disodium-5'-ribonucleotides.
- (6) If caffeine is added to a food for sale (whether as a \*flavouring substance or otherwise), it must be listed in the statement of ingredients as caffeine.

#### **1.2.4—8 Declaration of vitamins and minerals**

Where a vitamin or mineral is added to a food, the vitamin or mineral may be declared in accordance with section 1.2.4—7 using the class name ‘vitamin’ or ‘mineral’.