

### **Standard 2.8.3 – Native bee honey**

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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 the date of gazettal.

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**Note:**

This Standard will be published in the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette No. FSC 169 on 22 July 2024. This means that this date is the gazettal date for the purposes of the above notice.

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**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.

### Division 1 Preliminary

#### 2.8.3—1 Name

This Standard is *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code – Standard 2.8.3 – Native bee honey*.

**Note** Commencement:

This Standard commences on the date of gazettal, 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.

#### 2.8.3—2 Definitions

**Note:** In this Code (see subsection 1.1.2—3(2) of Standard 1.1.2):

**Native bee honey** means the natural sweet substance produced by Australian native stingless bees from the genera *Tetragonula* or *Austroplebeia* following the collection of nectar from the blossoms of plants.

### Division 2 Requirements for food sold as native bee honey

#### 2.8.3—3 Composition

A food that is sold as native bee honey must:

- (a) be native bee honey; and
- (b) contain:
  - (i) no less than 50% reducing sugars; and
  - (ii) no more than 28% moisture; and
  - (iii) no less than 2% trehalulose.

#### 2.8.3—4 Labelling of native bee honey

For the labelling provisions:

- (a) 'honey' is a \*prescribed name for native bee honey; and
- (b) the \*prescribed name must be presented in conjunction with a description that adequately describes the true nature of native bee honey.

**Examples** 'Native bee honey', 'Native stingless bee honey', 'Australian native bee honey'

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