



australasian society of clinical immunology and allergy

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Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ)
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To whom it may concern,

Re: FSANZ Call for Submissions on Application A1175 - Rapeseed Protein Isolate as a Novel Food

On behalf of the Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA) I am responding to the FSANZ call for submissions on application A1175 for rapeseed protein isolate as a novel food. <https://www.foodstandards.gov.au/code/applications/Pages/A1175.aspx>

ASCIA is the peak medical body for clinical immunology and allergy in Australia and New Zealand. ASCIA regularly consults with Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia (A&AA), the peak patient support organisation for allergy in Australia. I write in support of the detailed submission sent to FSANZ on 28 August 2020 by A&AA regarding application A1175 for rapeseed protein isolate as a novel food.

There is potential for allergic reactions to rapeseed protein isolate in people who are allergic to mustard. Whilst the ASCIA website focuses on the nine most common food allergens, it states that almost any food can cause an allergic reaction. Although mustard allergy is not specifically mentioned, it is an important food allergen in many countries, so the potential risk for allergic reactions should be considered in application A1175 for rapeseed protein isolate as a novel food.

An allergen risk assessment for the use of rapeseed protein isolate should therefore be conducted, before the application is subjected to another consultation round for comment.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jill Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jill Smith
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