

31 October 2008

Dear Interested Party

### **Consultation on the discussion paper “Tutin in honey”**

The New Zealand Food Safety Authority (NZFSA) is beginning public consultation on a proposed new food standard that will set a maximum level for tutin in honey. **The period in which written submissions will be accepted closes at 5.00pm on Friday 28 November 2008.**

Unfortunately due to time constraints late submissions will not be accepted.

Please see attached for your information copies of the draft proposed standard and NZFSA's public discussion paper “Tutin in honey”. These documents have been developed as a result of work done since the 22 cases of poisonings from tutin in honey that occurred in March 2008.

Given the main impact of the proposed standard is across the North Island and top of the South Island, NZFSA will hold six public meetings in these areas during November 2008 as part of its consultation on the discussion paper and the proposed standard. These will be held as follows:

Place	Date and Time	Venue
Nelson	November 13 9.30am – 12.30pm	Rutherford Hotel Trafalgar Square Wairau Room
Hamilton	November 14 9.00am – 12midday	Narrows Landing 431 Airport Road
Auckland	November 14 2.00pm – 5.00pm	Centra Auckland Airport cnr Kirkbride & Ascot Rds Mangere Jean Batten Room
Wanganui	November 19 1.00pm – 4.00pm	Wanganui Function Centre Purnell Street
Napier	November 20 10.00am – 1.00pm	War Memorial 48 Marine Parade Breakout Room 2

Te Puke	November 21 1.00pm – 4.00pm	Comvita Wilsons Road South, Paengaroa
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A summary of submissions received will be made available on the NZFSA website as soon as practicable after the closing date. NZFSA will take what submitters and interested parties have to say into consideration in developing the final standard that will be recommended to the Minister of Food Safety for issue under the Food Act 1981. It is intended that the proposed Food (Tutin in Honey) Standard 2008 be implemented by 1 January 2009.

Yours sincerely

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