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Submission from the Dietitians Association of Australia

Application 512 – Definition of Meat Pies

The Dietitians Association of Australia (DAA) confirms their previous support for option 2 - Accept the application for amendment of Standard 2.2.1 - Meat and Meat Products by providing a new definition of meat pies with the following provisions:

DAA acknowledges the issues in relation of qualification of what components of the carcass constitute meat flesh. The definitions in relation to meat products and components is acknowledged to be reviewed within the Primary Production and Processing (PPP) Standard for meat and meat products and it would be recommended that consumer expectations for skeletal meat to form the major component of meat flesh be revisited in that review.

It is also noted that the inclusion of offal meats is still possible under the current proposed amendment of minimum level of 25 % of meat flesh and this is likely to be of concern to consumers. In addition DAA contends that consumers should be able to identify the animal species from which the product is being derived. These aspects could be clarified through the ingredient listing.

Finally compositional labeling for unpackaged meat pies has not been considered as part of this amendment and DAA contends that consideration should be given to the recommendation of displaying characterising ingredients at the point of sale for the benefit of consumers.