

Food Additives and Fragrance Materials (Subsidiary Hazard) Group Standard 2020

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GROUP STANDARD

UNDER THE HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AND NEW ORGANISMS ACT 1996

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Pursuant to [section 96B](#) of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 (the Act), the Environmental Protection Authority issues this Group Standard.

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1. Name of Group Standard

Food Additives and Fragrance Materials (Subsidiary Hazard) Group Standard 2020

HSNO Approval Number

The HSNO Approval Number for this Group Standard is HSR002578.

2. Commencement

This Group Standard comes into force on 30 April 2021.

3. Interpretation

- (1) In this Group Standard, unless the context otherwise requires, words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in Schedule 2. Any words or phrases that are used but not defined in this Group Standard but that are [defined in the Act](#) have the same meaning as in the Act.
- (2) In this Group Standard, reference to a hazard classification means a reference to the specified hazard classification as set out in the Hazardous Substances (Hazard Classification) [Notice](#) 2020.

4. Scope of Group Standard

Substances covered by Group Standard

- (1) This Group Standard applies to hazardous substances under [section 96B\(2\)\(a\), \(b\) and \(c\)](#) of the Act.
- (2) This Group Standard applies to solid or liquid substances that are imported or manufactured for use as a food additive or fragrance material.
- (3) A substance referred to in subclause (2) must have one or more of the following (but only the following) hazard classifications:
 - (a) acute oral toxicity Category 4:
 - (b) acute dermal toxicity Category 4:
 - (c) acute inhalation toxicity Category 4:
 - (d) skin irritation Category 2:
 - (e) serious eye damage Category 1:
 - (f) eye irritation Category 2:
 - (g) respiratory sensitisation Category 1:
 - (h) skin sensitisation Category 1:
 - (i) germ cell mutagenicity Category 1 or Category 2:

- (j) reproductive toxicity Category 1 or Category 2:
- (k) effects on or via lactation:
- (l) specific target organ toxicity – single exposure Category 1, Category 2 or Category 3:
- (m) specific target organ toxicity – repeated exposure Category 1 or Category 2:
- (n) aspiration hazard Category 1:
- (o) hazardous to the aquatic environment acute Category 1:
- (p) hazardous to the aquatic environment chronic Category 1, Category 2, Category 3 or Category 4.

Substances excluded from Group Standard

- (4) This Group Standard excludes any substance if it contains—
 - (a) asbestos; or
 - (b) a chemical that:
 - (i) is a persistent organic pollutant within the definition in [section 2](#) of the Act; or
 - (ii) exhibits the characteristics of a persistent organic pollutant as set out in paragraph 1 of Annex D to [Schedule 1AA](#) of the Act.
- (5) This Group Standard excludes cosmetic products.
- (6) This Group Standard excludes any food additive that contains a chemical that is a mutagen or reproductive toxicant that is not listed on the [Inventory of Chemicals](#), unless—
 - (a) the new mutagen or reproductive toxicant is used to completely replace an existing mutagen or reproductive toxicant in the substance; and
 - (b) the new mutagen or reproductive toxicant has a lower hazard classification than the existing mutagen or reproductive toxicant.
- (7) This Group Standard excludes any food additive that is a hazardous chemical not listed on the [Inventory of Chemicals](#).
- (8) For the purposes of subclause (7), “chemical” means any element or compound in its natural state or obtained by any production process, including any impurities and any additive necessary to preserve the stability of the chemical but excluding any solvent which may be separated without affecting the stability of the chemical or changing its composition.

5. Conditions of Group Standard

The conditions that specify the obligations and restrictions for substances covered by this Group Standard are set out in Schedule 1.

Advisory Note: In addition to requirements specified in this document, people who are undertaking work in a workplace involving hazardous substances covered by this Group Standard have obligations under the [Health and Safety at Work Act 2015](#).

Schedule 1: Conditions of Group Standard

Part 1 - Compliance with EPA Notices

1. Labelling and advertising

Substances covered by this Group Standard must comply with the relevant provisions of the Hazardous Substances (Labelling) [Notice](#) 2017.

2. Safety data sheets

Substances covered by this Group Standard must comply with the relevant provisions of the Hazardous Substances (Safety Data Sheets) [Notice](#) 2017.

3. Packaging

Substances covered by this Group Standard must comply with the relevant provisions of the Hazardous Substances (Packaging) [Notice](#) 2017.

4. Disposal

Substances covered by this Group Standard must comply with the relevant provisions of the Hazardous Substances (Disposal) [Notice](#) 2017.

5. Restriction on supply, storage and use

Substances covered by this Group Standard must comply with the relevant provisions of the Hazardous Substances (Hazardous Property Controls) [Notice](#) 2017.

Part 2 - Notification to the Authority

6. Inventory of Chemicals

- (1) When a substance is imported into, or manufactured in, New Zealand after 30 June 2006, the importer or manufacturer must ensure that all hazardous chemicals contained in the substance are listed on the [Inventory of Chemicals](#).
- (2) If that substance contains a hazardous chemical that is not listed on the [Inventory of Chemicals](#), then the importer or manufacturer of the substance must at the time they first import or manufacture the substance, notify the Authority in writing of—
 - (a) the name of the substance; and

- (b) the HSNO approval number and/or title of the group standard under which the substance is deemed to have been approved; and
 - (c) the name and CAS number of the chemical not listed on the [Inventory of Chemicals](#) that is present in the substance; and
 - (d) the concentration of that chemical in the substance; and
 - (e) the hazardous properties of the chemical, including the provision of the relevant hazard data used to assign the substance to the group standard; and
 - (f) the proposed use of the substance.
- (3) Subclause (2) applies subject to clause 4(6) - (8) of this Group Standard (Scope of Group Standard).
- (4) This condition does not apply to fragrance materials.

Part 3 - Other Matters

7. Assigning a substance to a group standard

- (1) If an importer or manufacturer considers that this Group Standard applies to the importation or manufacture of a substance, then the importer or manufacturer is responsible for assigning the substance to this Group Standard.
- (2) In order to assign the substance to this Group Standard, the importer or manufacturer must—
- (a) ensure that the substance complies with clause 4 of this Group Standard (Scope of Group Standard); and
 - (b) keep a record of how it was determined the substance complies with clause 4 of this Group Standard.
- (3) The importer or manufacturer must—
- (a) ensure that the record contains sufficient information to allow for independent verification that the substance complies with clause 4 of this Group Standard (Scope of Group Standard); and
 - (b) have that record available for inspection.

8. Compliance with IFRA Code of Practice

Any fragrance material imported or manufactured under this Group Standard shall comply with the IFRA standards and restrictions as set out in the IFRA Code of Practice.

Schedule 2: Interpretation

Act means the [Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996](#)

asbestos has the same meaning as in [regulation 3\(1\)](#) of the Health and Safety at Work (Asbestos) Regulations 2016 but does not include substances that contain naturally occurring traces of asbestos

CAS number means [Chemical Abstract Services Registry number](#)

condition means any obligation or restriction imposed upon a substance by a group standard

cosmetic product means any substance or preparation intended to be placed in contact with the various external parts of the human body (epidermis, hair system, nails, lips and external genital organs) or with the teeth and the mucous membranes of the oral cavity with a view exclusively or mainly to cleaning them, perfuming them, changing their appearance and/or correcting body odours and/or protecting them or keeping them in good condition

essential oils are the aromatic, volatile substances extracted from a single botanical source of flowers, plants, herbs, leaves, woods, fruits and gums by steam distillation or expression, and in this document the term includes aromatherapy oils

food additive means any material not usually consumed as a food by itself that is purposefully added to food in order to affect the food's keeping quality, texture, consistency, appearance, odour, taste, alkalinity or acidity or to serve any other technological function in the manufacture, processing, preparation, treatment, packing, packaging or storage of the food, and includes any preservative, antioxidant, colouring substance, artificial sweetener, flavouring substance, food conditioner, anti-caking agent, vitamin, mineral or processing aid

fragrance compound means a blend of fragrance ingredients representing a specific fragrance formula, including any solvent or carrier

fragrance ingredient means any ingredient used in the manufacture of fragrance materials for its odorous, odour-enhancing or blending properties. Fragrance ingredients may be obtained by chemical synthesis from synthetic, fossil or natural raw materials or by physical operations from natural sources and include aroma chemicals, essential oils, natural extracts, distillates and isolates, and oleoresins

fragrance material means a fragrance ingredient or a fragrance compound

GHS has the same meaning as in the Hazardous Substances (Hazard Classification) [Notice 2020](#)

IFRA Code of Practice means the code of practice published by the International Fragrance Association, as amended for the 39th time

Inventory of Chemicals means an inventory kept and maintained by the Authority of chemicals known to be present in New Zealand

mutagen means a substance that is a mutagen within the meaning of the GHS

reproductive toxicant means a substance that is a reproductive toxicant within the meaning of the GHS

substance means any solid or liquid food additive or fragrance material that is within the scope of clause 4 of this Group Standard (Scope of Group Standard)

workplace has the same meaning as in [section 20\(1\)](#) of the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the group standard but is intended to provide guidance to users of the group standard.

- (1) Under the Act, [section 96E\(3\)](#) provides that a hazardous substance to which [section 96B\(2\)\(a\)](#) applies is deemed to have been approved by the Authority under [section 29](#).
- (2) All amendments made under [section 96B](#) to the Food Additives and Fragrance Materials (Subsidiary Hazard) Group Standard 2017 since it was first issued that were still in force before 30 April 2021 have been incorporated into this Group Standard.
- (3) In addition to requirements specified in this document, people who are undertaking work in a workplace involving hazardous substances covered by this Group Standard have obligations under the [Health and Safety at Work Act 2015](#).
- (4) Each of the Labelling, Safety Data Sheets and Packaging Notices provide that a person relying on this Group Standard will have four years (until 30 April 2025) to comply with the relevant controls under those Notices. Within that time, a person must comply with one of the following:
 - (a) the relevant controls under the Labelling, Safety Data Sheets and Packaging Notices; or
 - (b) the equivalent conditions in the Food Additives and Fragrance Materials (Subsidiary Hazard) Group Standard 2017 in force immediately before 30 April 2021; or
 - (c) the equivalent conditions in the Food Additives and Fragrance Materials (Subsidiary Hazard) Group Standard 2006 in force immediately before 1 December 2017.

All other aspects of this Group Standard apply from 30 April 2021.

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