

## **Summary of Assessment of Citrofresh® for compliance with the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code**

Citrofresh® is the brand name for a range of sanitizers in which the biocidal component is an aqueous solution of extract of bitter oranges (*Citrus aurantium*) combined with permitted food acids and glycerin. These products may be used both on food preparation surfaces, resulting in incidental food contact and may also be applied directly to food surfaces in a manner consistent with a processing aid.

In Australia, the development and enforcement of laws relating to the manufacturer and sale of food are the responsibility of the individual States and Territories in which the activity takes place. The responsibilities of the Commonwealth Government with respect to food are largely restricted to import/export controls, through the Australian Quarantine Inspection Service (AQIS) and the management of coordinated food standards development through Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ).

- 1. The orange extract used in Citrofresh® may reasonably be considered to be a safe and suitable non-standardised food. Its use is not expressly prohibited or limited by the FSANZ Code.**
- 2. The orange extract used in Citrofresh® is not a novel food and does not require premarket approval in Australia and New Zealand.**
- 3. Citrofresh® may be used as an ingredient in food applications where the presence of the orange extract results in the preservation or extension of shelf-life of a food.**
- 4. Citrofresh® may be used as a processing aid.**
- 5. Citrofresh® may be applied as a sanitizer directly to food surfaces provided this is undertaken in accordance with Good Manufacturing Practice.**
- 6. There is a sufficient body of evidence to demonstrate that Citrofresh® is a safe and suitable material for use as a sanitizer for food contact surfaces.**



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