



DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS NOTICE

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Approval for the importation of hemp seeds and hemp derived products

From 13 June 2018, the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) (Importation of Hemp Seeds and Hemp Derived Products) Approval 2018* ('the Approval') came into effect.

The Approval allows the importation of hemp derived food products that are compliant with the *Food Standards Code P1042 – Low THC Hemp Seeds as Food* ('Food Standards Code') so that these products no longer require a permit to be imported into Australia under the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956*.

Extract from the Approval:

5 Approval of importation of hulled hemp seeds etc.

The following drugs are approved for importation into Australia:

- (a) hulled hemp seeds;
- (b) hemp seed meal;
- (c) hemp fibre;
- (d) hemp seed oil if:
 - (i) the total cannabidiol content of the oil is 75 mg/kg or less; and
 - (ii) the total tetrahydrocannabinol content of the oil is 50 mg/kg or less;
- (e) a product that contains or consists of hulled hemp seeds, or that contains ingredients extracted or derived from hemp seeds, if:
 - (i) the product does not contain another drug; and
 - (ii) the product does not contain any other parts (including unhulled hemp seeds) of, or extracts from parts (except hemp seeds) of, a plant of the genus *Cannabis*; and
 - (iii) the total cannabidiol content of the product is 75 mg/kg or less; and
 - (iv) the total tetrahydrocannabinol content of the product is 50 mg/kg or less.

Consistent with the Food Standards Code, the Approval provides for the importation of low-delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) hemp seed foods as noted above. More information is available at <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2018L00763> and <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2017L00499>.

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