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**Submission to the Australia New Zealand Food Authority on
Application A411 Pasteurization of Orange Juice or Labelling
of Unpasteurized Orange Juice**

The National Council of Women of New Zealand (NCWNZ) is an umbrella organisation representing 46 nationally organised societies. It has 35 branches spread throughout the country to which women from some 150 societies are affiliated.

The Consumer Affairs nucleus committee of NCWNZ thank ANFA for the opportunity to comment on the above Application A411, Pasteurization of Orange Juice or Labelling of Unpasteurized Orange Juice. We are pleased to make the following comments.

In view of the reported cases of 'recent salmonella outbreaks in South Australia and in the United States associated with the consumption of unpasteurized orange juice' (Page 1, para 2)

NCWNZ supports Application A411 and recommends the implementation of **Option 3** which states "Amend the Australian Food Standards Code (AFSC) and include a requirement for all fruit and vegetable juices including cider, other than freshly squeezed juices for immediate consumption on the same premises, to either

- (i) undergo a pasteurization process that would kill pathogenic bacteria or another process which provides an equivalent safety outcome; or
- (ii) be labelled to ensure consumers are informed that the product is unpasteurized
(Page 3, para 1)

We believe "the proposed provision provides increased protection of public health and safety and enables consumers to make more informed choices regarding the purchase of unpasteurized orange juice" (Page 12, para 5).

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