Fortification of Bread with Folic Acid

The Ministry for Primary Industries periodically asks for feedback on food safety issues that affect consumers and the food industry. Feedback is now sought on a discussion document ‘The Future of Folic Acid Fortification of Bread in New Zealand’.

The discussion document considers four options for the future of the New Zealand (Mandatory Fortification of Bread with Folic Acid) Food Standard 2007. The options range from mandatory fortification of most breads from 30 September 2012 to extending voluntary fortification indefinitely.

The options were developed in consultation with the Folic Acid Working Group, created by the Minister in 2009 to contribute to the development and assessment of information about folic acid fortification. The Working Group includes baking industry representatives, health professionals, academics, government officials and groups who represent families affected by neural tube defects.

You can make a submission (by post, email or fax) before the closing date. MPI analyses all submissions and considers how they might be included in final decisions.

Closing Date: 16/7/2012

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