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Minister	Hon Dr David Clark	Portfolio	Commerce and Consumer Affairs
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Cabinet Legislation Committee

Minute of Decision

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Portfolio Commerce and Consumer Affairs

On 6 May 2021, the Cabinet Legislation Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the Consumers' Right to Know (Country of Origin of Food) Act 2018 requires the Minister of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (the Minister) to recommend the making of regulations under the Fair Trading Act 1986 prescribing a consumer information standard for the disclosure of country or place of origin of certain foods;
- 2 **noted** that in September 2019, the Cabinet Economic Development Committee agreed to the policy content of the regulations and authorised the release of an exposure draft of the Consumer Information Standards (Origin of Food) Regulations 2019 (the Regulations) for public consultation [DEV-19-MIN-0252];
- 3 **noted** that the Consumer Information Standards (Origin of Food) Regulations 2021 give effect to the decisions referred to in paragraph 2 above;
- 4 **noted** that section 5(2) of the Consumers' Right to Know (Country of Origin of Food) Act 2018 requires the Minister to be satisfied that the consumer information standard meets the purpose of the Act, defines and applies to regulated foods, requires a regulated food's country or place of origin to be disclosed by reference to where it was grown or something similar, commences six months after notification in the Gazette, and does not apply to frozen food for 18 months after commencement;
- 5 **noted** the advice of the Minister that these requirements have been met;
- 6 **noted** that, consistent with previous Cabinet decisions, some minor changes were made to improve the workability of the Consumer Information Standards (Origin of Food) Regulations 2021 and in response to feedback received on the exposure draft;
- 7 **authorised** the submission to the Executive Council of the Consumer Information Standards (Origin of Food) Regulations 2021 [PCO 22065/14.0];
- 8 **noted** that the Regulations come into force on 12 November 2021 which is six months after the date of notification in the New Zealand Gazette.

Rebecca Davies
Committee Secretary

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Present:

Hon Chris Hipkins (Chair)
Hon Andrew Little
Hon Kris Faafoi
Hon Michael Wood (Deputy Chair)
Hon Dr David Clark
Keiran McAnulty, MP (Senior Government Whip)

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