

## Getting the right stamp

No food product can be legally sold in Australia unless it is properly approved by the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Council.

At the end of this activity you will:

- know who approves foods for sale in Australia
- be aware of the type of research performed on food products before they are approved.

## The problem

You have designed a great new food. It is made from chocolate, ground peanuts, honey and soy milk powder that is imported from the USA. You have called this new food Nufud. It tastes great on fresh bread. You need to get it approved so that production can start. What is the process?

You will need:

- access to the internet.

What to do:

1. Read the information pages on 'Regulation of the Sale of GM foods' from the *Biotechnology online* resource.
2. Read the section of the ANZFA web site, 'What is the Australia New Zealand Food Authority?'. Look for the section, 'What does ANZFA do? - Maintains the Food Standards Code and develops food standards'.
3. Decide what is likely to happen to your application for approval of Nufud. Arrange this information in a series of steps. You will eventually make it into a flow chart.

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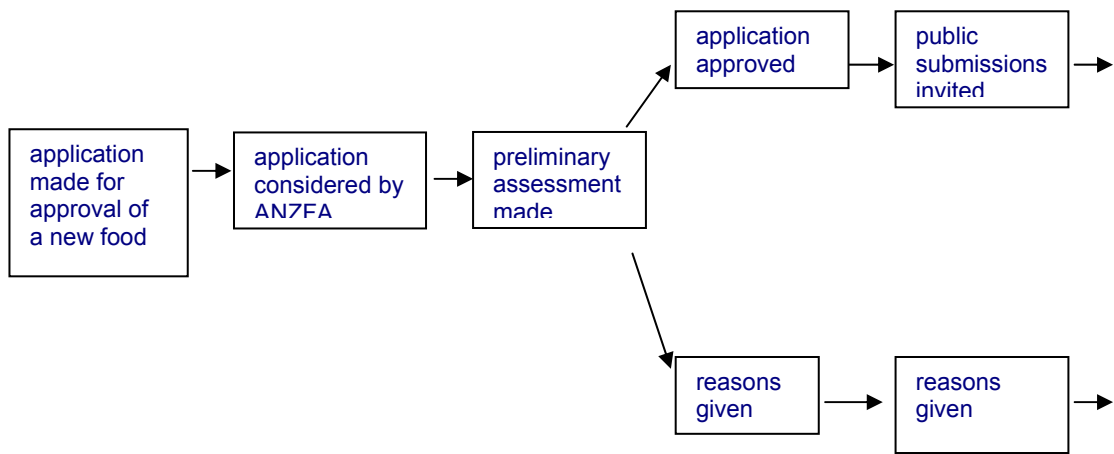
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4. Read the rest of the page, 'What does ANZFA do?' Make a list of the sorts of people who are involved in the approval of a new food and what each of them does.

**What to do with your information:**

Make a flow chart showing all the possible steps in the process that will decide the fate of Nufud. This is a start:



**Useful resources**

Australia New Zealand Food Authority  
<http://www.anzfa.gov.au/>

Australia New Zealand Food Authority - What is the ANZFA  
<http://www.anzfa.gov.au/WhatIsANZFA/IntroducingANZFA.asp>

Interim Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (IOGTR)  
<http://www.health.gov.au/tga/gene/genetech/iogtr.htm>

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