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VICTORY FOR HEMP SEED



After more than 15 years of political deliberation and police opposition, hemp seed foods have passed one of the last important steps to being totally legal to produce and consume in Australia and New Zealand.

A decision to amend the Food Standards Code was made at the end of April by the Australia and New Zealand Ministerial Forum on Food Regulation.

Though many have grown accustomed to seeing hemp seed foods available for sale in health food shops around the country, the seeds are mostly imported from China, and labelling laws require that packaging be marked "not for human consumption in Australia".

At an industry level, the situation prevented Australian farmers and producers from legitimately entering the market, while at the same time consumers could not be guaranteed a fully regulated and compliant food.

Andrew Kavasilas from the Nimbin Hemp Embassy, long time hemp grower and owner of Vita hemp said, "The winners here will be our reputation and Australians who will now have access to and information about the superior nutritional profile, the versatility, taste, uses and benefits of locally grown hemp seed foods."

"Australian farmers have been waiting for this lynch-pin moment, which will give impetus to broader hemp industries," he said.

NSW Minister for Primary Industries, Niall Blair has welcomed the decision to approve low THC hemp for sale as food, saying, "This is exciting news for the existing hemp industry, which will now continue to thrive, producing a healthy and sustainable product for consumers."

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