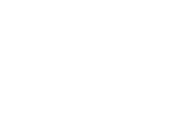
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**Australian Government Department of Home Affairs**

**Approval for the importation of hemp seeds and hemp derived products**

From 13 June 2018, the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) (Importation of Hemp Seeds and Hemp Derived Products) Approval 2018* (‘the Approval’) came into effect.

The Approval allows the importation of hemp derived food products that are compliant with the *Food Standards Code P1042 – Low THC Hemp Seeds as Food* (‘Food Standards Code’) so that these products no longer require a permit to be imported into Australia under the *Customs (Prohibited Imports) Regulations 1956*.

Extract from the Approval:

**5 Approval of importation of hulled hemp seeds etc.**

The following drugs are approved for importation into Australia:

1. hulled hemp seeds;
2. hemp seed meal;
3. hemp fibre;
4. hemp seed oil if:
   1. the total cannabidiol content of the oil is 75 mg/kg or less; and
   2. the total tetrahydrocannabinol content of the oil is 50 mg/kg or less;
5. a product that contains or consists of hulled hemp seeds, or that contains ingredients extracted or derived from hemp seeds, if:
   1. the product does not contain another drug; and
   2. the product does not contain any other parts (including unhulled hemp seeds) of, or extracts from parts (except hemp seeds) of, a plant of the genus *Cannabis*; and
   3. the total cannabidiol content of the product is 75 mg/kg or less; and
   4. the total tetrahydrocannabinol content of the product is 50 mg/kg or less.

Consistent with the Food Standards Code, the Approval provides for the importation of low-delta-9- tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) hemp seed foods as noted above. More information is available at <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2018L00763>and [https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2017L00499.](https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2017L00499)

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