

NZ Consultation on Mandatory Fortification of Bread with Folic Acid

Having deferred its decision on mandatory fortification earlier this year, New Zealand's Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has now called for submissions on its latest consultation paper 'The Future of Folic Acid Fortification of Bread in New Zealand'. The consultation seeks to inform the decision between mandatory or voluntary implementation of folic acid fortification or a continued voluntary policy.

The consultation closes in July of this year and offers the following options:

- Mandatory fortification as defined in the current Standards with the possibility of delayed or phased-in commencement
- Limited mandatory fortification where a threshold is set before mandatory fortification applies
- Mandatory reporting where all bakeries must report on whether they fortify their bread with folic acid and how much of their bread is fortified
- Voluntary fortification with a mandated review starting in 2015

If you are interested in making a submission you can download the full information at:

<http://www.foodsafety.govt.nz/elibrary/industry/fortification-bread-folic-acid/index.htm>

Please note that closing date for submissions is 16 July 2012.