



Australia-European Union Free Trade Agreement

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To Whom It May Concern

Spinifex Brewing Co – Australia EU Free Trade Submission

Spinifex Brewing Co is establishing an export campaign with the view to supplying our Taste of Australia craft beer range into northern Europe commencing with Sweden in collaboration with the Atientic Group.

We understand that the European Union (EU) has a regulatory framework in relation to food and beverage products. We understand that all ingredients in food and beverages to be exported must appear in the approved list within the framework. Given Spinifex has created a new Botanical Infusion genre within the craft brewing industry it is unlikely that the native Australian botanicals will feature in the EU register. Spinifex has undertaken laboratory testing and received approvals from the Peruvian Health Department for human consumption as part of our export campaign under the Peruvian Australia Free Trade Agreement, (PAFTA). The laboratory testing and approvals have been undertaken for the following:

- Spinifex Ginger Beer infused with Geraldton Wax
- Spinifex Wattle Seed Amber Ale
- Spinifex Lemon Myrtle Summer Ale
- Spinifex Honey Myrtle Ale
- Spinifex Broome Time Mango
- Spinifex WA Pale Ale infused with Geraldton Wax.
- Spinifex Non-Alcoholic Ginger Beer infused with Kakadu Plum.

It would be very helpful if the approvals issued in Peru for the above could be accepted by the European Union and the botanical ingredients included in the EU Food regulatory framework. It is worth also noting that the botanical ingredients represent less than 1 part to 50,000 in the Taste of Australia range. We wish DFAT all the best in the upcoming round of free trade negotiations with the EU.

Kind regards

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