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Dear Mr Huang

Thank you for your recent letter regarding Spirulina tablets.

Given the information you have provided, Spirulina tablets, as a single ingredient or mixed with other foods, would be considered to be a food. This advice is based on the fact that there are no therapeutic claims made in association with the sale of the product, and the product does not contain substances that would require it to be regulated as a therapeutic good.

There is no specific commodity standard in the Food Standards Code that relates to Spirulina tablets, however, the product would fall within the common understanding of a food given its use to be eaten in combination with other foods, similar to glucose of effervescent tablets to be taken with water.

It should be noted that the product is similar in nature to products currently under consideration in a Proposal by Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ), the Review of Food-Type Dietary Supplements. However, the outcomes of this review will not be finalised for some time.

General requirements for foods to be sold in Australia (e.g. labelling and compositional requirements) are available in the Food Standards Code, which can be downloaded from the FSANZ website (www.foodstandards.gov.au).

Please let me know if I can provide further information.

Yours sincerely

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