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Tēnā koe,

A1250 - Pullulanase from GM *Bacillus subtilis* (gene donor: *Bacillus deramificans*) as a processing aid

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application. New Zealand Food Safety (NZFS) has the following comments to make:

NZFS supports amending Schedule 18–9(3) of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code to permit the enzyme pullulanase (EC 3.2.1.41) sourced from a genetically modified strain of *Bacillus subtilis* containing the pullulanase gene from *Bacillus deramificans*, to be used as a processing aid for use in starch processing for production of glucose syrups and other starch hydrolysates.

We note from the FSANZ assessment, based on the available evidence, there are no safety concerns from the proposed uses of the enzyme as a food processing aid at GMP levels, and its use is technologically justified.

Nāku noa, nā

