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Standards Management Officer
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Dear Sir / Madam

Submission – Proposal M1021 – 2022 MRL Harmonisation Proposal

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission on the *2022 MRL Harmonisation Proposal* for Proposal M1021 regarding the schedules for Agvet chemicals in the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code (the Code). It is noted that FSANZ is particularly interested in comments on any impacts (costs/benefits) likely to result from the proposed variations, potential impacts on imported foods, and any public health and safety considerations associated with the proposed changes

This submission was prepared by health professionals from the Food Safety Standards and Regulation Unit. The submission does not represent a Queensland Government position, which will be a matter for the Queensland Government should notification be made by the FSANZ Board to the Food Ministers' Meeting.

It appears that the draft variations although related to Schedules 20 and 22 also may have implications for the irradiation of food. The proposed variations to Schedule 22 includes changes to the classes of foods. Schedule 22 is also referenced in Standard 1.5.3 – Irradiation of food, and therefore may potentially vary requirements for the irradiation of food, especially fresh fruit and fresh vegetables. The Call for Submissions report has not discussed whether there are any potential impacts on irradiation requirements. If FSANZ has not already done so, FSANZ should review whether the proposed variations amend irradiation requirements. It is offered that this should be noted in the approval report for M1021.

Should you require further information in relation to this matter, please contact Food Safety Standards and Regulation, [Redacted]

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