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Dear Sir / Madam

Submission – Application A1063 – Food Derived from Herbicide-Tolerant Soybean Line MON87708

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission on the Assessment Report for Application A1063.

This is a whole of Queensland Government response and is made by Queensland Health since it is the lead agency in Queensland which coordinates policy advice relative to the national policy on food regulation. Our approach follows consultation with other relevant Queensland Government agencies and includes expert input by Queensland Health Forensic and Scientific Services.

After considering the documentation, Queensland supports Option 2 –

- To prepare a draft variation to Standard 1.5.2 – Food produced using Gene Technology, to include food derived from herbicide-tolerant soybean line MON87708 in the schedule.

We note that no public health and safety concerns have been identified in the assessment of soybean line MON87708. Furthermore, the genetic modification used to produce soybean line MON87708 may provide benefits to the food industry and will not impose any financial burden on any sector of the community.

Yours sincerely,

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