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Re: Application A1073 - Food derived from herbicide-tolerant soybean line DAS-44406-6

Dear FSANZ,

There appears to be a breach of ethical standards and a serious departure from the precautionary principle that should consistently guide your choices. As a consumer and taxpayer I have a right to expect honesty from public servants. It is clear that we are being lied to when we are told that FSANZ has "...fully assessed, along the best scientific grounds", the safety of genetically engineered Soybean DAS44406-6 (tolerant to three Dow Chemical herbicides). We do not trust the applicant's data to be impartial and it is clear that NO feeding studies have been conducted on the soybean or any components of the whole food; without this information, there is no way that FSANZ can accurately assess the risk to New Zealanders of Application A1073.

Evidence-based decision making requires proper testing. Given the unique characteristics created in GE events, it is neither sufficient nor "scientific" to assume the product will follow the safety profile of other organisms which share just some of the individual attributes.

I therefore must insist that application A1073 be withdrawn until the requisite safety tests have been conducted; as a consumer with two young children, I need to know the GM DAS 4406-6 will be safe for my family to eat, and therefore offer my full and unqualified support for the submission made by GE-Free NZ, as written:

<http://www.gefree.org.nz/assets/-A1073-GE-Free-NZ-Submission-.pdf>

Yours for integrity in government,

Prof. W. D. Watson