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Dear Sir/Madam

Application A1073 – Food derived from Herbicide-tolerant Soybean Line DAS-44406-6 – Call for Submissions

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application. The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has the following comments to make.

MPI supports option 1, that is to develop a draft variation to standard 1.5.2, to include food derived from soybean line DA-44406-6.

For completeness however, we suggest that the endogenous allergen experiments are added to the safety report. The Safety Assessment Report includes an introductory paragraph concerning endogenous allergens in soy. In material submitted by the applicant, there is detail of experiments evaluating the binding of protein extracts from DAS-44406-6 and 'Maverick' with IgE in sera from people allergic to soy. These experiments demonstrated almost identical curves for the protein extracts from both sources, indicating that the endogenous allergen levels had not changed as a result of the genetic modification.

Yours sincerely

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