



FOODwatch

Working to keep Western Australia GM-free from farm to plate...

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Submission to FSANZ to reject Application A1128

Food derived from reduced Acrylamide Potential & Browning Potato Line E12

GM potato A1128 'Innate' by Simplot, SPS International

<http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/code/applications/Pages/A1128GMPotatoE12.aspx>

This novel GM potato was genetically engineered using RNAi gene silencing techniques. It is to be imported from US/Canada but FSANZ is not requiring animal feeding studies nor human trials to assess risk to health & environment. It will not be labelled yet claims to be not as cancer-causing as the potatoes we've been growing and eating all these years, although FSANZ is not testing the validity of these claims but relying on the word of the applicant.

Please REJECT application A1128 due to potential risks of unverified 'health' claims, a senseless application to remove a visual cue (browning) of food that is 'off', and a distinct lack of testing for unintended consequences of the novel GM organism that has been engineered using new & unproven techniques of RNAi gene silencing that can potentially disturb dormant genes.

Please also find my personal submission to WA's Signature Dish competition 2015 and ask if this is a reasonable trajectory for FSANZ to set us on if you purport to safeguard our health and environment? What will this do to tourism if this is Australia's food future?

US citizens and lawyers reject this potato:

<http://www.centerforfoodsafety.org/press-releases/3594/poorly-tested-gene-silencing-technology-to-enter-food-supply-with-simplot-potato#>

We therefore call on the FSANZ to reject application A1128.

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