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Dear Sir/Madam

Application 1137 – Polysorbate 20 as a food additive – 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's preference would be to consider polysorbates as a group as this would align the Food Standards Code more closely with the Codex General Standard for Food Additives by taking into account all polysorbates that share a JECFA group ADI. However, this is clearly outside the scope of this application and would be more appropriate in a wider review of these permissions.

MPI notes that the application seeks permission for polysorbate 20 INS 432 as an emulsifier in an antimicrobial surface spray or dipping solution for use on the surfaces of processed meats and fish products. The proposed permissions allow wider use as an emulsifier in processed meat and fish products rather than to just the product surfaces of the products.