

# New Zealand Food Safety

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Dear Sir/Madam

## Application A1174 – Xylanase from *Trichoderma reesei* as a processing aid (enzyme)

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application. New Zealand Food Safety (NZFS) has the following comments to make:

NZFS supports amending the table to subsection S18 – 9(3) in Schedule 18 to insert a new entry for the enzyme endo-1,4-beta-xylanase (EC 3.2.1.8) from *Trichoderma reesei* containing the endo-1,4-beta-xylanase gene from *Aspergillus niger*, as a processing aid for the manufacture of bakery and other cereal-based products to improve dough stability and dough handling properties, subject to good manufacturing practice.

We note that FSANZ has concluded that there are no public health and safety concerns associated with the use of endo-1,4-beta-xylanase. We note that the evidence presented to support the proposed use of the enzyme provides adequate assurance that the enzyme, in the form and prescribed amounts, is technologically justified and has been demonstrated to be effective in achieving its stated purpose.

Yours sincerely

