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Tēnā koe,

Application A1246 - Phospholipase A1 from GM *Aspergillus oryzae*

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

NZFS supports amending Schedule 18 – Processing Aids of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code (the Code) to permit the enzyme phospholipase A1 (EC 3.1.1.32), sourced from a genetically modified (GM) strain of *Aspergillus oryzae* (*A. oryzae*), containing the phospholipase A1 gene from *Valsaria rubricosa* (*V. rubricosa*), as a new processing aid for the manufacture of bakery products.

The maximum level at which the enzyme may be present in the food is an amount consistent with GMP.

We note FSANZ's assessment that there are no safety concerns associated with the use of the enzyme as a processing aid, and its use is technologically justified.

NZFS notes a food for retail sale or sold to a caterer that contains the enzyme as an ingredient (e.g. a bakery product) would be required to be labelled 'genetically modified' in conjunction with the name of the enzyme.

Nāku noa, nā

