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Food Standards Australia New Zealand
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Attention: Standards Management Officer

RE: Submission – Proposal M1009, 26 July 2013 [13-13]

The Australian Food and Grocery Council (AFGC) supports the proposed variations to the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code (Code) arising from Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) Proposal M1009, *Maximum Residue Limits [13-13]*. Dietary exposure assessments indicate that the proposed limits for the agricultural and veterinary chemical residues of interest do not present any public health and safety concerns in relation to relevant health-based guidance values.

The proposed amendments align with AFGC's policy to support the continual review and update of the Code in order to reflect the current status of agricultural and veterinary chemicals in use in Australia, and to support international trade through recognition of agvet chemicals in use in other markets (eg through alignment with applicable Codex Alimentarius standards).

Please feel free to contact Fiona Fleming (Advisor, Policy and Regulation) who is our lead with respect to this matter.

Sincerely



Director, Legal and Regulatory



The Australian Food and Grocery Council (AFGC) is the leading national organisation representing Australia's food, drink and grocery manufacturing industry. The membership of AFGC comprises more than 150 companies, subsidiaries and associates which constitutes in the order of 80 per cent of the gross dollar value of the processed food, beverage and grocery products sectors.