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Standards Management Officer
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Dear Standards Management Officer

I wish to submit an application to have Sodium carboxymethylcellulose (CMC) (which is a currently approved food additive 466 in Schedule 2 (Miscellaneous additives permitted in accordance with GMP in processed foods specified in Schedule 1) added to Schedule 1 of Standard 1.3.1, to enable wine imported to Australia to be treated with CMC. We would also seek to have CMC added to the list of Additives approved for use in the Wine Production requirements Standard 4.5.1.

The application will make available to the Australian wine industry an additive with a proven technological benefit available to our competitors in Europe. It is also an additive that is approved for food use in Australia for other products.

There are now exclusive commercial benefits as this is not a proprietary product. This is an unpaid application. We also believe that Europe will request this additive to be added to the annex of the Australian-EC wine agreement in the near future.

I am happy to discuss this issue with you. I can be contacted on 0413014807 or tony@wfa.org.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Battaglione', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tony Battaglione
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