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Project Officer Application A1057
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Dear Sir/Madam

Application A1057 – Endo-protease as a Processing Aid (Enzyme) – Assessment Report

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application. The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) has the following comments to make.

NZFSA supports Option 2, that is to amend Standard 1.3.3 – Processing Aids, to approve the use of the enzyme endo-protease (EC 3.4.21.26) produced by *Aspergillus niger* containing additional copies the endo-protease gene from *Aspergillus niger*, as a processing aid. The enzyme is intended to provide effective reduction of haze in beer making.

The risk assessment considered the technical suitability, the safety of the donor/host microorganism, and the safety of the endo-protease enzyme preparation. We are satisfied that the proposed use of the enzyme is technologically justified and that no public health or safety concerns have been identified.

Yours sincerely

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