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Dear Sir / Madam

**Submission – Application A1062 – Dimethyl Ether as a Processing Aid for Non-Dairy Ingredients and Products**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission on the Assessment Report for Application A1062.

This is a whole of Queensland Government response and is made by Queensland Health since it is the lead agency in Queensland which coordinates policy advice relative to the national policy on food regulation. Our approach follows consultation with other relevant Queensland Government agencies and includes expert input by Queensland Health Forensic and Scientific Services.

After considering the documentation, Queensland supports Option 2 –

- To prepare a draft variation to the Table to clause 13 of Standard 1.3.3 – Processing Aids to permit the use of dimethyl ether as an extraction solvent processing aid to treat non-dairy ingredients and products.
- To prepare a draft variation to Standard 1.3.4 – Identity and Purity to include a specification for dimethyl ether in the Schedule.

We note the use of the extraction solvent processing aid to treat all food does not raise any public health or safety concerns. Furthermore, we note the use of the extraction solvent processing aid is technologically justified, may provide benefits to the food industry and will not impose any financial burden on any sector of the community.

Yours sincerely

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