

## **Comments from the Victorian Departments of Environment & Primary Industries and Health**

**Due date of submission – 23 August 2013**

The Victorian Departments of Environment & Primary Industries (DEPI) and Health welcome the opportunity to provide comments on Application A1081 which seeks permission for food derived from soybean line SYHTOH2 which is genetically modified to provide tolerance to herbicide glufosinate-ammonium and to herbicides, particularly mesotrione, that inhibit *p*-hydroxyphenylpyruvate dioxygenase.

DEPI and Health understand that it is anticipated that the soybean line may be grown in the USA, Argentina, Brazil, China and India subject to approval. DEPI and Health also understand that although there is currently no intention to grow the plant in Australia, if any products that unintentionally contain small amounts of this soybean line are sold in Australia, then the granting of this Application will allow this to occur.

DEPI and Health acknowledge that no toxicity, allergenicity or nutrient composition concerns were raised by FSANZ in its safety assessment of this Application.