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Project Officer Application A1088
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Dear Sir/Madam

Application A1088 – Sodium Hydrosulphite as a Food Additive – Call for Submissions Report

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application. The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has the following comments to make.

MPI supports Option 1 to amend Standards 1.2.4 and 1.3.1 – Food Additives, to approve the use sodium hydrosulphite as a food additive in canned abalone.

We are satisfied that the proposed use of sodium hydrosulphite is technologically justified and that no public health or safety concerns were identified, beyond those posed by the use of sulphites. MPI notes that exposure to sulphites is not increased as sodium hydrosulphite is to be used as an alternative to existing sulphites permitted as food additives in canned abalone.

Yours sincerely

Signed



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