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Reference **APPLICATION A1092 : Irradiation of Specific Fruits and Vegetables :**

Application to FSANZ to amend the Food Standards Code 1.5.3 to include apples; apricots; cherries; honeydew melons; nectarines; peaches; plums; rockmelons; scallopini, strawberries; table grapes & zucchini (courgette) .

We are writing to you to advise that we fully support the application submitted by Qld DAFF, for the amendment of the Food Standards Code 1.5.3 to include apples; apricots; cherries; honeydew melons; nectarines; peaches; plums; rockmelons; scallopini , strawberries; table grapes & zucchini (courgette) , on the approvals list for the use of irradiation as a pest disinfestation treatment for a phytosanitary purpose.

We believe these approvals will allow all producers , exporters and supply chain operatives enhanced access to Australian domestic markets under the ICA-55 protocol , as well as export markets , and that Irradiation provides to them all an efficacious and sustainable additional post – harvest disinfestation option .

Yours sincerely

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