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Submission with reference to 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; rock melons; scaloppini, strawberries; table grapes & zucchini (courgette).

I am writing to you to advise that Nexus Agriculture 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; rock melons; scaloppini, strawberries; table grapes & zucchini (courgette), on the approvals list for the use of irradiation as a pest disinfection treatment for a phytosanitary purpose.

As an advisor and supply chain consultant to the fresh produce industry across a range of horticultural crops, I believe that these approvals will allow all producers, exporters and supply chain partners enhanced access to Australian domestic markets under the ICA-55 protocol. Export markets will also benefit in that Irradiation provides an efficacious and sustainable additional post – harvest disinfection option.

I look forward to further products, including berry fruit: blueberries, raspberries, blackberry and citrus being added to this list as the prescribed research is published and brought forward for consideration by FSANZ.

For the remaining products, yet to be included in approved products list, a more generic approval process should now be considered by FSANZ.

Yours Sincerely

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