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To: FSANZ re Application A1115: Irradiation of Blueberries and Raspberries

Thank you for the opportunity for providing this letter of support for the application submitted by the NSW Department of Primary Industries for the amendment of the Food Standards Code 1.5.3 to include blueberries on the approved list of fresh produce by the use of irradiation. This will be used as a pest disinfection treatment for a phytosanitary purpose.

The Australian Blueberry Growers' Association believes this approval will allow the industry which includes growers, agents, exporters, retailers and other associated supply chain partners to pursue new export opportunities, as well as increase domestic supply with a better treatment under the ICA-55 protocol.

As this process is both chemical and gas free it has additional benefits for the environment and for public health outcomes. This process also provides the benefit of reduced food spoilage and waste, as well as economic benefits to the industry.

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