

Response to: A1120 Agarose ion Exchange Resin as a Processing Aid for Lactoferrin Production

Dairy Australia is the dairy industry-owned service company, limited by guarantee, whose members are farmers and industry bodies, including the Australian Dairy Farmers and the Australian Dairy Products Federation.

Australian dairy is a \$13 billion farm, manufacturing and export industry.

Over 6000 dairy farmers produce around 9.7 billion litres of milk a year.

The Australian dairy industry directly employs nearly 40,000 Australians on farms and in factories, while more than 100,000 Australians are indirectly employed in related service industries.

Our industry has the potential to grow substantially over the next decade to meet growing domestic and international demand.

Dairy Australia welcomes the opportunity to provide comment on the application made by Fonterra Co-Operative Group Limited for use of an agarose ion exchange resin as a processing aid for lactoferrin production.

Lactoferrin, present in milk in low levels, has a range of high value applications.

Dairy Australia supports the use of this new processing aid for improving the efficiency of lactoferrin extraction from bovine milk and milk-related products. Dairy Australia notes it has been assessed as safe and permitted for use in other countries. Approval for its use in Australia will further commercial opportunities for the Australian dairy sector.

Dairy Australia **supports the FSANZ proposal** to revise the Food Standards Code to allow the use of this new sulphonate agarose ion exchange resin in lactoferrin processing.

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