

Submission re Application A1186 Soy leghemoglobin in meat analogue products

Due to limited time my submission will need to be brief, and unfortunately won't contain all the evidence I would have liked to include.

From my personal research over several years of the literature regarding GM foods, I have come to the conclusion that the science supporting these products is suspect, as is much science which is industry funded. Even the peer review process has been compromised, with several former editors of various scientific journals having admitted that much of what has been published cannot be trusted, due to the research and the peer review process being faulty or even fraudulent.

Furthermore, truly independent scientists have reached very different conclusions regarding the health and safety of foods containing GM ingredients. For example, scientists have found evidence of a link between such foods and the great increase in allergies seen throughout much of the developed world, and Australia in particular, in recent decades.

The article at this link reaches a different conclusion about the safety of Impossible Foods' meatless burger than is claimed by the manufacturers, and seemingly supported by FSANZ:

<https://www.gmoscience.org/impossible-burger-boon-risk-health-environment/> The issues raised in this article should certainly be investigated before the product is approved for the Australian market.

Though I understand the FDA has since reversed its initial assessment of this product, in my opinion the FDA cannot entirely be trusted, because of its record of vested interests and a 'revolving door' with industry. For example: <https://www.sciencemag.org/news/2018/07/fda-s-revolving-door-companies-often-hire-agency-staffers-who-managed-their-successful> and <https://thepeopleschemist.com/two-reasons-not-to-trust-the-fda/> and <https://www.whistleblowers.org/news/fda-staff-calls-for-end-to-corruption-wrongdoing/> and <https://globalanticorruptionblog.com/2017/09/25/regulatory-discretion-and-corruption-in-the-fda/>

Neither can the FDA be entirely trusted regarding food approvals:

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/food-additives- b_1654034

I urge FSANZ to look further than industry sponsored science and FDA approval before approving this, and any other GM food products in the future.

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