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Dear Sir/Madam

A1192 – Food derived from herbicide-tolerant corn line MON87429:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application. New Zealand Food Safety (NZFS) has the following comments to make.

We note that the application seeks approval for food derived from herbicide-tolerant corn line MON87429, that is genetically modified to provide resistance to the herbicides, dicamba, glufosinate, 2,4-D, and the aryloxyphenoxypropionate group of herbicides ('FOPs'). MON87429 is also genetically modified to provide tissue-specific resistance to glyphosate to facilitate the production of hybrid seeds.

We support that the safety assessment addresses food safety issues associated with the GM food, noting that: three of the four novel proteins in the corn have been components of a number of previous GM crop developments and applications to FSANZ, and that these proteins should probably now be considered to have a history of safe intake. Also that the evidence presented suggests that the fourth novel protein is also unlikely to be a food safety concern, and there is no evidence of unintended biological or compositional changes.

Therefore, NZFS supports the draft variation to Schedule 26 of the Food Standards Code, to permit food derived from herbicide-tolerant corn line MON87429 in accordance with Standard 1.5.2.

Yours sincerely

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