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Dear Kate:

**RE: M1008 Maximum Residue Limits Assessment Proposal**  
**Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code**

First, the California Grape and Tree Fruit League and the Northwest Horticultural Council want to thank you for the openness and transparency of FSANZ's maximum residue review process and the willingness to work with organizations such as ours that represent the growers and shippers of various commodities. We also thank you for being responsive to MRL challenges faced by growers in placing a quality product in the global marketplace. We appreciate your commitment to this end.

Upon review of the proposed MRLs for cherries and soft fruits, we are in agreement with those values being established in harmonization with the U.S.

<u><b>Chemical</b></u>	<u><b>Commodity</b></u>	<u><b>Proposed MRL</b></u>
β -cyfluthrin	stone fruits	0.3 ppm
Cypermethrin	stone fruits	1 ppm
Cyprodinil	stone fruit	2 ppm
Fenpropathrin	cherry	5 ppm
Fluxapyroxad	stone fruit	2 ppm
Spirodiclofen	stone fruit	1 ppm

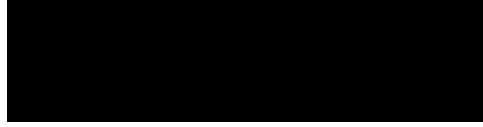
Australia is the 5<sup>th</sup> largest export market for Pacific Northwest cherries. In 2011, our growers and shippers exported 6.65 million pounds (332.5 thousand cases each weighing 20 pounds) of cherries to Australia, an increase of almost 1.8 million pounds from the previous year. We believe that this growth is a result of the additional chemical MRLs that Australia has established.

We thank you for this opportunity to comment on this proposed regulation and look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

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cc: NHC Foreign Trade Committee  
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Tony Beaver, Food and Beverage Importers Association  
John Baker, Produce Marketing Australia