

FSANZ Consultation Paper – Proposal P1027

Managing Low-level Ag & Vet Chemicals without Maximum Residue Limits

FFAANZ wish to express full support for Proposal 1027 where specific MRLs in Standard 1.4.2 would be set at an appropriate level for *all other foods* to account for inadvertent low levels of residues for a nominated set of agricultural and veterinary (agvet) chemicals.

FFAANZ is fully conversant with problems incurred and obstacles faced when botanical ingredients are screened-before use- for “agvet” chemicals and found to be non-compliant based on zero tolerance in a food commodity for which an MRL has not been set in Standard 1.4.2.

Ensuring compliance with the current regulation places a particularly onerous obligation on the flavour industry especially when the botanical ingredients are present in trace amounts (via flavourings) in the final food consumed.

Therefore the proposal to establish low level MRLs for *all other foods* for specific chemical/food combinations in the chemical categories of herbicides, fungicides and insecticides is very welcome and if approved will be of significant benefit in various respects to the flavour industry as a whole.

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