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Dear Standards Management Officer,

**Re: Submission to Proposal P1052 Primary Production and Processing
Requirements for High-risk Horticulture**

Woolworths welcomes the opportunity to provide comment on *Proposal P1052 Primary Production and Processing Requirements for High-risk Horticulture* provided by Food Standards Australia and New Zealand.

Please find below our comments to this consultation paper.

Regards,

SPECIFIC COMMENTS

Woolworths welcomes FSANZ review to assess the need for a primary production and processing standard to manage food safety for high-risk horticulture.

Woolworths is committed to providing our customers with products they can trust to be safe and is supportive of a practical and cost effective regulatory approach which seeks to ensure appropriate minimum standards of safety and quality within the industry. Woolworths sees this FSANZ review as an opportunity to underpin the existing food safety requirements already in existence within the Woolworths supply chain.

We agree with FSANZ view that the majority of produce is safe, however foodborne illnesses linked to high-risk horticulture produce continues to occur, and therefore we support the scope of the proposal including the primary production and primary processing activities of berries, melons and leafy vegetables.

Woolworths supports PMA Australia New Zealand Limited's submission to this consultation paper and agrees with their recommendations to FSANZ.