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To whom it concerns,

I am writing in the name of the Biodynamic Federation Demeter International. We are an organic umbrella organisation that built up a network of individual certification for biodynamic farming worldwide.

We consider it crucial that GM foods are independently assessed for their health and environmental hazards and risks, be labelled as GM, and be traceable. This is the only way for both farmers and consumers to know what is in their fields and plates.

Therefore, it is essential to maintain strict standards when it comes to GMO and to oppose any changes to the Food Code. FSANZ should continue to assess and regulate all techniques and methods of genetic modification, other than conventional breeding.

Agrochemical companies cannot be trusted to self-assess the safety of GM foods as show the examples with pesticides (e.g. neocotinoides). The changes resulting of the use of the new gene editing techniques do not occur in nature and provoke widespread genetic changes which can be a threat to our environment and food safety.

The Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the UN's food standards body Codex Alimentarius must be taken into consideration: both agree that all GM techniques differ from conventional breeding and that pre-market safety assessments are essential before GM organisms are used in food.

Any proposal to deregulate new and emerging GM techniques and their food products, which pose new and unassessed risks, is completely unacceptable.

Thank you for taking my views into consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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