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SUBMISSION OF C.D. PALMER RELATING TO: Proposal P1007-Primary Production & Processing Requirements For Raw Milk Products

- The initiative is sound and should result in raw milk products being available to those consumers who wish to purchase them.
- There is a growing body of consumers interested in improving and maintaining good health by consuming foods that have not been denatured including heat-treating which de-activates important enzymes necessary for full digestion of the food. This includes milk.
- FSANZ should follow the established procedures in the EU who have a long tradition of preparation, sale and consumption of raw milk products.
- The P1007 proposal should be comprehensive and cover all raw milk products and derivative products to avoid the need to revisit specific raw milk products at a later date.
- With appropriate safety precautions and regular testing there should be no impediment to the maintaining of high standards in the raw milk category.
- Philosophically there is no difference between the sale of raw meat compared to raw milk. Yet raw meat including pork and chicken are sold with nothing preventing consumers eating these either raw or undercooked. There is the presumption that consumers WILL cook the meat adequately, yet this may not necessarily happen. As certain raw meats do most certainly have a very high risk of deleterious bacteria being present, it is arguable that these in fact present a much higher risk than controlled raw milk products to consumers' health. This will especially be true considering that raw milk products will be required by this proposal to be fairly rigorously tested as part of the approval process.

In summary I maintain that the proposal is commendable, is fully supported by myself and my family as raw milk products consumers, and it is hoped that a positive outcome will enable raw milk products to be made freely available on a consistent basis to those consumers whose discernment leads them to demand it.

Yours faithfully,

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