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## SUBMISSION

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Attention: **Project Manager – Application A1051**

Food Standards Australia New Zealand  
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ACT, Australia, 2610.

### Re: Food Derived from Herbicide-Tolerant Soybean Line FG72 - Assessment Report

FTA Australia has reviewed this [Application](#) and endorses the following comments of the Technical Sub Committee:

The Committee agreed with Option 2 – to prepare a draft variation to Standard 1.5.2 – Food Produced using Gene Technology, to include food derived from herbicide-tolerant soybean line FG72 in the Schedule and commented further as follows:

a). In the Safety Assessment Report, the feeding study showed that out of 140 birds fed on this product for 42 days, 45 died and 77 showed clinical symptoms and yet the conclusion was that this was not related to treatment and the product was safe.

b). Considering the size of these numbers, particularly as 32% died in just over a month of the trial, further explanation is required. The safety assessment offered no clarification on these apparently unexpected and abnormal results, just stating it was unrelated to treatment.

If there are any queries regarding this submission, please contact the Technical Secretary, Tony Zipper, Telephone (03) 9532 8213, Fax (03) 9532 8213, Mobile 0409 324 075, E-mail [tzipper@dodo.com.au](mailto:tzipper@dodo.com.au).

We would appreciate being maintained on the circulation list for any changes in this matter and to receiving notification of the next step concerning this [Application](#).

Yours sincerely,

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