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A1266 - Endo-1,4-beta-xylanase from GM *Trichoderma reesei* (gene donor: *Fusarium verticillioides*) as a processing aid

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application. New Zealand Food Safety (NZFS) has the following comments to make:

NZFS supports amending Schedule 18–9(3) of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code to permit the enzyme endo-1,4-beta-xylanase (EC 3.2.1.8) sourced from a genetically modified strain of *Trichoderma reesei* containing the endo-1,4-beta-xylanase gene from *Fusarium verticillioides*, to be used as a processing aid in starch processing and the production of potable alcohol.

We note from the FSANZ assessment, based on the available evidence, there are no safety concerns from the proposed uses of the enzyme as a food processing aid at GMP levels, and its use is technologically justified.

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