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## **A1267 - Fructanase from GM *Trichoderma reesei* 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 a protein engineered variant of the enzyme fructanase (EC 3.2.1.80) sourced from a genetically modified strain of *Trichoderma reesei* containing the fructanase gene from *Lactobacillus crispatus*, to be used as a processing aid in the manufacture of bakery products such as bread, tortillas, cakes, and waffles.

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.

