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## **Submission to FSANZ**



**This submission asks that FSANZ decline Application A1274 Food derived from disease-resistant banana line QCAV-4**

**At minimum FSANZ should halt the process until the lack of vital information for food safety is addressed with scientific data.**

**No proper assessment or approval of application A1274 can be made by FSANZ until robust scientific safety testing is conducted.**

**FSANZ is asked to require safety data from the applicant to address these concerns.**

**Until there is scientific data on the any effects of the transgenes and inflammatory response in small bowel flora, villi and epithelium, in long-term studies, the GM banana must be declined.**

**The information provided does not give the public confidence on the effective, transparent, and accountable regulatory framework assessment.**

**FSANZ is asked to direct the applicant to address the following missing data**

- analysis of seven new proteins identified in the GM banana.
- research on the implications of these proteins for food safety when the banana is eaten.
- study of different impact for infants, children, the sick or elderly from eating the GM bananas.
- impact on bacterial resistance to kanamycin-type antibiotics from potential transfer in the gut of the gene expressing antibiotic resistance
- evidence on the impact of different medicines that change the survival rate of GM constructs in the gut and bloodstream

**Until these significant scientific and safety issues are addressed with data, there can be no assumption of safety and FSANZ are asked to refuse approval.**