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Subject: RE: Submission A1035

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To: submissions
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SUBMISSION / OBJECTION TO GE "FOODS"

I Object to approval of:

Application A1035 - Food derived from Insect-protected Soybean Line MON 87701

I request FSANZ does NOT give these products approval because:

The release into the food chain will place unreasonable costs on my family and the many members of the community seeking to avoid GE ingredients. GM derived foods are INADEQUATELY labeled to provide consumers choice. The absence of labelling and declarations at restaurants and for food made at point of sale is unacceptable. There is a failure of justice in forcing consumers and others to carry risks of accidental consumption, and the additional costs incurred to avoid GE products.

The data on which the safety assessments have been based on data recognised to be scientifically inadequate.

Legal action in the US courts (ref 1) shows serious concerns about the inadequacy of data supplied by applicants and the assessment process itself. It is unreasonable to continue to consider and make approvals of GM foods on this basis. Scientists at the FDA have previously warned authorities not to assume safety under "GRAS" status. No further GM foods can be legitimately approved on such a basis.

NOT allowing these products into the human food chain can encourage industry to develop strict traceability, and proper safety testing.

It is wrong to conclude there are no other measures that would be more cost-effective to support end benefits for safety and trade.

I call on FSANZ to change its decision and to NOT approve these product on the basis of an INADEQUATE process of assessment that exposes the public to unacceptable and unethical risk.

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