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Project Officer Application A1042  
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Dear Sir/Madam

## **Application A1042 – Food derived from herbicide-tolerant corn line DAS-40278-9 – Second Assessment Report**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application. The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) has the following comments to make.

MAF agrees with the changes made to section 4 of the Safety Assessment Report.

In our view, Section 6 of the Safety Assessment Report needs to be amended. FSANZ has indicated in correspondence that words to the following effect could be added at the end of section 6.2:

*The significance of an overall treatment effect was estimated using an F-test, while paired contrasts were made between the unsprayed non-GM control and each of the four GM treatments using t-tests. Probability values were adjusted using False Discovery Rate procedures to improve discrimination of true differences (Benjamini and Hochberg 1995).*

MAF agrees that this would be helpful.

Yours sincerely

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