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Project Officer Application A1068
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Dear Sir/Madam

Application A1068 – Hydrogen Peroxide as a Processing Aid – Call for Submissions

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application. The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has the following comments to make.

MPI notes the proposed use of hydrogen peroxide is unlikely to represent a risk to public health. As outlined in the application, the proposed use of hydrogen peroxide would appear to provide benefits over other methods in terms of energy saving and improved product quality.

While the proposal is not intended to permit the use of hydrogen peroxide as an alternative to good hygienic practice during the manufacture of dairy products, nor to permit its use to stabilise deteriorating milk, further consideration is needed on how this can be enforced, particularly when techniques to reduce levels of hydrogen peroxide are used.

Yours sincerely

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