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re: Application A1073 - Food derived from herbicide-tolerant soybean line DAS-44406-6

From: Mr J Carapiet

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Dear FSANZ,

I am concerned that the process around this application is lacking robust safety data and a respect for scientific uncertainty.

I feel you have turned a blind eye to this lack, and this is not acceptable.

I believe it is the only responsible and reasonable course of action for FSANZ to withdraw the application A1073 until the proper safety tests have been conducted .

It is concerning that there are no feeding studies conducted on the soybean or any components of the whole food. Is this acceptable? No.

I am concerned that like any parent, I need to know if a product has been **genuinely** shown to be safe, or is just **presumed** safe.

In the case of the GM DAS 4406-6 it appears you have been misleading in saying that you have fully assessed the safety of this food. There is no evidence that what you claim is true.

This submission asks that the application be halted and the clock stopped.

Without the independent safety testing and feeding trial information there is no way that FSANZ can pretend to, or reasonably attempt to, carry out its risk assessment on A1073 (see references).

In order to live your duty of care FSANZ needs to protect the health and safety of people in Australasia and New Zealand through the maintenance of a safe food supply. This can be done by using the best available sciences and evidence to guide decision making and being responsive to the issues raised by others.

I strongly suggest that to meet public expectations of your duty, the data from feeding trials **MUST** be provided to enable better consumer choice.

It is vital to do dietary exposure modeling and scientific risk assessments on GM foods, but based on a reading of the assessments on A1073 that are provided on your website, I believe that you have **NOT** done this.

Over the last year there have been some highly concerning studies published in relation to safety, that are relevant to understanding the potential of real danger from A1073 components.

(Seralini. G-E., Clair. E., Mesnage. R., Gress. S., Defarge. N., Malatesta. M., Hennequin. D. and de Vendomois. JS. (2012) Long term toxicity of a Roundup herbicide and a Roundup-tolerant genetically modified maize. Food and Chemical Toxicity Vol: 50, (11) 4221–4231)

Stop the clock and stop the approval of this product.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Carapiet

References

. FSANZ has not followed its legislated, Codex or OECD guidelines for risk assessment oversignificant changes of nutrient, protein, carbohydrates and anti nutrients in A1073.

- Applicant information provided on safety is insufficient for assessment & approval into the food chain.
- There have been no feeding studies to show if there is risk from novel DNA or pesticides

applied to the whole soybean, A1073 (DAS 44406-6 event).

- There is a lack of scientific data necessary to protect and maintain a safe food supply for the health and safety of people in Australia and New Zealand.
- The reliance on the applicant's data has not shown impartiality, openness and accountability.

. FSANZ has not provided information to consumers that will enable better consumer choice.