



# FRUITMARK

ENZACOR Pty Ltd ABN 25 003 815 334  
trading as FRUITMARK  
A member of the Turners & Growers group of companies

VIC Office:

Unit 7, 9 Compark Circuit, Mulgrave  
VIC 3170, Australia  
Phone +61 3 8561 3188  
Fax +61 3 9560 1177  
[www.fruitmark.com.au](http://www.fruitmark.com.au)

4th June 2013 **SUBMISSION - Maximum Residue Limits for Blueberries and Raspberries - A1083**

**To: FOOD STANDARDS AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND (FSANZ) PO Box 7186, Canberra BC ACT 2610**

**SUBJECT: APPLICATION TO AMEND STANDARD 1.4.2 MAXIMUM RESIDUE LIMITES IN THE AUSTRALIAN NEW ZEALAND FOODSTANDARDS CODE.**

ENAZACOR Pty Ltd trading as FRUITMARK has been operating since 1990 in Australia importing various processed fruit and vegetable products for the Australian food, fruit based beverage and grocery industries.

The increase in demand for imported frozen fruit products has increased significantly since 1990. Reliable sources of frozen berries from local Australian producers have reduced and at the same time, demand for reliable imported supply year round has increased.

One of the major supplier countries for high quality and safe berry supply to Australia has proven to be Chile.

The major product in terms of volume has traditionally been frozen Raspberries but in recent years, Chile has also become a major grower and processor of Cultivated Blueberries and emerged as a reliable supplier of frozen Blueberries to international markets.

We have imported fruits from various Chilean processors over this period and note that Chilean growers endeavour to grow high quality berries but to do so have to protect their crops against exposure to yield loss from attacks using various agriculture spray programmes. Much effort is made to ensure compliance with Maximum Residue Limits for various agricultural chemicals for product destined for international markets.

We support the application made by Patties Foods requesting consideration to align Standard 1.4.2 for MRL's for the import of Raspberries and Blueberries from Chile to Australia by setting residue limits as requested for Azoxystrobin (blueberry); Fenexamid (Blueberry); Fludioxonil (blueberry) and Bifenthrin (raspberry).

Considering the extensive international acceptance of these agricultural chemicals for use on Raspberry and blueberry crops, we believe Chilean exporters would be disadvantaged by effectively restricting trade if MRL's for these chemicals are not established.

The recognition of international Maximum Residue Limits via the application under consideration by adopting them into the Australian Food Standards would eliminate the difficulties and eliminate the current anomalies in the Code.

Yours faithfully

Michael James

  
General Manager