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Dear Sir/Madam

Application A1106 – Food derived from Herbicide-tolerant and Insect-protected Corn Line 4114 – Call for Submissions Report

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

MPI supports option 1, that is for FSANZ to prepare a draft variation to Standard 1.5.2, to permit food derived from herbicide-tolerant and insect protected corn line 4114.

We suggest however that the following aspect is clarified in the Approval report:

Section 4.1.4 Characterisation of the plant-produced proteins. There is an apparent discrepancy between the molecular weight for Cry1F in line 4114 and line 1507. The standards used in these Western blots also appear to match the molecular weights of the plant protease cleaved proteins of Cry1F (60 kDa) and Cry35Ab1 (40 kDa). We suggest that the Approval report clarifies the apparent discrepancy. We also suggest that the applicant is asked to provide information about the standards used for the Western blots, and that this information is included in the Approval report.

Yours sincerely

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