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Project Officer Application A1117
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Dear Sir/Madam

Application A1117 – Extension of use of L-Cysteine as a food additive– 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 supports Option 1, to prepare draft variations to Schedule 15 to permit the use of L-cysteine monohydrate in peeled or cut avocados and bananas to control browning. MPI agrees that this use is technologically justified and that it raises no public health or safety concerns. A similar provision already exists for root and tuber vegetables.

MPI notes that the Codex Alimentarius International Numbering System for Food Additives (INS) CAC/GL 36-1989 lists L-cysteine 920 as a flour treatment. MPI suggests that FSANZ may consider requesting that the INS be amended to also include the functional class and technological purpose of antioxidant for INS 920.

Yours sincerely,

Signed

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