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Dear Sir/Madam

Application A1167 Lactase from GM *Bacillus subtilis* as a processing aid (enzyme)-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 amending the table to subsection S18- 9(3) in Schedule 18 to insert a new entry to permit the use of β -galactosidase from a genetically modified strain of *Bacillus subtilis* as a processing aid (enzyme), intended for use in the production of low lactose and lactose free dairy products and galacto-oligosaccharides (GOS). We note that FSANZ has concluded that there are no public health and safety issues associated with using this enzyme.