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To Food Standards Australia New Zealand

Impossible Foods commissioned a rat feeding study which found unexplained weight gain, blood changes suggesting inflammation or kidney disease onset, and possible signs of anemia.

This does call for a continuation of the study, to find out more about the adverse effects.

When soy leghemoglobin was separated from the yeast fermentation, 73% was SLH but 46 other new proteins were also found. In the US where this product has been available in food it was reported that some people got unpleasant digestive reactions to eating Impossible burger - nausea, diarrhoea, bloating, and lots of intestinal gas. To find out if a product has adverse effects on one's health a consumer needs to be very alert. In the average person's life many influences may lead to disturbances in the body.

Hence one strongly relies on good information and on confidence in the controlling bodies.

FSANZ needs to take this responsibility seriously. FSANZ needs to get thorough evidence, collected over a long period, especially when onset of adverse effects are found in initial shorter duration tests.

There above: this product will be typically used in fast food outlets where no labelling requirement is in place to inform the user that they get Genetically Engineered food.

People are not equal in how they respond to food products or substances. The consumer must be empowered to make his / her own assessment on the foods he / she takes.

No GM labels are required on foods made and sold from food premises and vending vehicles, e.g. restaurants, junk food outlets, caterers, or self-caterers.

When Genetically Modified products can be served in fast food outlets without a warning that it contains GE ingredients, the discerning consumer will have reservations on the use of fast food altogether.

Such is not in the interest of this line of supply either.

To give the consumer personal independence, this information must be made clearly available to the supplying and serving entities.

For these entities it must be then made mandatory to mention in the menu charts, boards etc that the product contains GE ingredients.

Yours faithfully

Best Regards,