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Application A1227 - Alpha-arabinofuranosidase from GM *Trichoderma reesei* as a processing aid

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application. New Zealand Food Safety (NZFS) has the following comments to make:

NZFS supports amending Schedule 18-9(3) of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code to permit the enzyme alpha-arabinofuranosidase (EC 3.2.1.55), sourced from a genetically modified strain of *Trichoderma reesei* containing the alpha-arabinofuranosidase gene from *Talaromyces pinophilus*, to be used as a processing aid in grain processing and potable alcohol production. The maximum permitted level at which the enzyme may be present in food is an amount consistent with Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP).

We note FSANZ's assessment that, based on the available evidence, there are no safety concerns from the proposed uses of the enzyme as a food processing aid at GMP levels, and its use is technologically justified.

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