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Tēnā koe,

Application A1240 Polygalacturonase from GM *Aspergillus oryzae* 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 – Processing Aids of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code to permit the use of the enzyme polygalacturonase (EC 3.2.1.15), as a processing aid for certain foods. The proposed use of polygalacturonase is in the manufacture and/or processing of fruit and vegetable juices/products, and in the production of coffee, flavouring substances and wine.

We note FSANZ's assessment that there are no safety concerns associated with the use of the enzyme as a processing aid, and its use is technologically justified.

