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Dear Sir / Madam

Submission – Application A605 – Yeast mannoproteins as a food additive for wine

Thank you for the opportunity to assess the Initial Assessment Report for Application A605.

This is a whole of Queensland Government response and is made by Queensland Health since it is the lead agency in Queensland which coordinates policy advice relative to the national policy on food regulation. Our approach follows consultation with other Queensland Government agencies.

At this point in time, we give tentative support for Option 2 – Amend Standards 1.3.1 and 4.5.1 to approve the use of yeast mannoproteins as a food additive for wine to inhibit potassium bitartrate crystallisation.

Our final position will be reliant on reviewing the documentation supplied by the Applicant and Food Standards Australia New Zealand, and in particular whether there are any public health and safety issues with approving the use of mannoproteins to stabilise wine.

Should this Application be approved and a maximum limit on the amount of mannoproteins added to wine be imposed, this decision could mean increased monitoring requirements for Government. Queensland Health Scientific Services has also advised they would need to develop an analytical method to police the limit. Furthermore, there could be very considerable difficulties involved in attempting to distinguish added mannoproteins from other proteins naturally present in wine.

Yours sincerely

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