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Re: Application A1042 - Food derived from herbicide-tolerant Corn line DAS-40278-9

Dear FSANZ,

I reject the assessment of Application A1042.

The FSANZ mission is: *To protect, in collaboration with others, the health and safety of people in Australia and New Zealand through the maintenance of a safe food supply.*

1. **There is** inadequate safety evidence on the Herbicide Tolerant 2,4-D Corn Line.
2. **This 2, 4-D corn** is a potential risk to my health. FSANZ is failing to maintain standards for a safe food supply for the citizens of Australia and New Zealand.
3. **Independent safety studies** published, after regulatory approvals of foods, in the last ten years show many problems with the introduction of GE into the food chain.
4. **The application assessment** does not address my safety as a consumer. I am concerned about the huge range of metabolic, immune and digestive effects that might occur once eaten.
5. **No long term testing** has been done. There is no data on its safety status; no maximum or minimum amounts of contaminants, residues, or other changes that may be present in plant food or that may be able to cause health problems.
6. **This lack of safety data** should put the application on hold until comprehensive safety studies are conducted that meet the International Codex parameters.
7. **Ensuring dietary health** is paramount for my family. It is important that groups like the poor, elderly, children and health-challenged are assured that the food they eat will not worsen their health conditions.
8. **The lack of diagnostic tools** for transgenic detection by health practitioners is a severe omission in preserving and ensuring public safety.
9. **Allergies to food products** have risen over the last few years. It is no coincidence that the rise has coincided with the introduction of transgenic approvals.
10. **There is no** data about how 2, 4_D corn will interact, recombine, or transform with other GE foods

In the interests of me and my family's public health I ask that the Application A 1042 is **rejected** until full comprehensive safety data can be provided.

Yours sincerely,

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