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SUBMISSION TO THE
PRIMARY PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING REQUIREMENTS FOR SEED SPROUTS
FIRST ASSESSMENT REPORT (PROPOSAL P1004)

The Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) is pleased to provide comments on the First Assessment Report of FSANZ Proposal P1004 for Seed Sprouts.

DAFF is the Australian Government Department with responsibility for industries that span the food supply chain, from agriculture to food processing. DAFF jointly shares responsibility with the Department of Health and Ageing for food regulatory policy within the Australian Government.

DAFF supports the development of primary production and processing (PPP) standards within the appropriate *Australia New Zealand Food Regulation Ministerial Council - Overarching Policy Guidelines on Primary Production and Processing Standards*. In particular, the broader policy framework states that the development of PPP standards shall take into account the objectives of the COAG Food Regulation Agreement. Of these, DAFF has a specific interest in reducing the regulatory burden on the Australian food sector. DAFF supports the development of a PPP Standard for Seed Sprouts as it will ensure a nationally consistent approach to seed sprout safety management in Australia.

DAFF notes that the First Assessment Report does not discuss overseas regulation of seed sprouts and recommends that FSANZ consider other relevant international standards to enable harmonisation where possible.

Thank you for providing DAFF the opportunity to comment on this report.

Yours sincerely

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