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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 as corn is in many products and is therefore difficult to avoid. 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. (I am already suffering with food allergies to gluten and dairy.)
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. The poor tend to eat more processed foods as they are cheaper, and corn appears in many of those.
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. I am unhappy to think that big business is prepared to expose us to only semi researched foods, and look to the Food Safety Authorities of the world to protect us from unnecessary risks.

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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