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

Dear FSANZ,

As the editor of the most comprehensive [in the world] resource book on genetic engineering, I can assure you that GE food is all about selling more chemicals, and only that. None of the claims for increased yield, more food value, cheaper farmer costs or benefit to the 3rd world as ever worked in practice. Farm chemical use has sky-rocketed.

As I pointed out in my earlier book about GE, the use of more chemicals was only step one. Step two was to use more dangerous chemicals, and this is now evident with this application.

With this application we have two attacks on the health of consumers. All the latest lab and experience studies have shown that GE food is dangerous, and in some cases deadly, to those who eat it. Combined with increased 2,4-D use we now have two dramatic and very dangerous assaults on public health. Exactly the kinds of assaults you're supposed to be protecting us from.

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,

Charles Drace
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Editor, The Genetic Engineering Resource Book [library reference book]
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Thank you.