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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 extremely concerned about the huge range of metabolic, immune, neurological 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. Given how many people fall into these groups, the integrity of our food is paramount.
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

11. **Cross-contamination** of non-GE crops is also of great concern to me, as has been demonstrated time and again in other countries where these crops are grown, posing a great threat to other farmers, to the organics industry, and to the wider ecological integrity of our country.

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

Yours sincerely,

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