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Project Officer Application A1047  
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Dear Sir/Madam

## **Application A1047 – Sodium Carboxymethylcellulose as a Food Additive in Wine - Assessment Report**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application. The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) has the following comments to make.

MAF supports Option 2, that is to prepare a draft variation to Standards 1.3.1 and 4.5.1 to permit the use of sodium carboxymethylcellulose as a food additive in wine and sparkling wine, according to Good Manufacturing Practice. We are satisfied that the proposed use of the food additive is technologically justified and that no public health or safety concerns were identified.

Yours sincerely

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