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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Application to Food Standards Australia New Zealand for the inclusion of Soybean MON 87708 in Standard 1.5.2 – *Food Derived from Gene Technology***

Please find enclosed an application for Soybean MON 87708, requesting inclusion of this product in *Food Standard 1.5.2 – Food Derived from Gene Technology*. Monsanto Australia is submitting this application in anticipation that it will fall within a major category.

Two hard copies of the application and supporting studies and one hard copy of the confidential attachment are provided along with an electronic copy of all non CCI and CCI information.

Information provided in the confidential attachment contains confidential DNA sequence information that is provided for FSANZ consideration only, and we request that this volume remain confidential in accordance with the *Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991* (FSANZ Act).

The DNA insert sequence information has been generated internally by Monsanto Company in order to facilitate regulatory approvals, and has been submitted confidentially to regulatory agencies where application has been made for approval of Soybean MON 87708. It has not been released publicly. It comprises the results of extensive research and intellectual property which are required for both the commercial viability and regulatory authorisation of the product; which if it became available to competitors of Monsanto, including those operating outside of Australia or New Zealand, would allow such competitors to develop, register and market products consisting of or derived from Soybean MON 87708 without the considerable investment of resourcing and time made by Monsanto in collecting or generating this information. Thus it can be attested that the complete DNA sequence information holds considerable value to Monsanto and the disclosure of this proprietary information could benefit Monsanto's competitors



gratuitously, potentially causing financial loss to Monsanto and its licensees.

In preparing the application, the format for applying to amend Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code – *Food produced using Gene Technology* (Application Handbook updated 1 July 2010) was followed and a checklist relevant to this application is included on *Page ix* of the application.

Should you have any questions concerning the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Regulatory Affairs Manager  
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