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Sent: Wednesday, 5 December 2012 6:27 PM
To: submissions
Subject: Application A1072

Re: Application A1073 - Food derived from herbicide-tolerant soybean line DAS-44406-6

Dear FSANZ,

I ask that FSANZ withdraw the application A1073 until the requisite safety tests have been conducted.

The soybean line contains new genes that have never before been considered by AFSANZ. I am highly concerned that you have been misleading in saying that you have fully assessed, along the best scientific grounds, the safety of this food, especially since there are no feeding studies conducted on the soybean or any components of the whole food. Without this information there is no way that FSANZ can carry out a risk assessment on A1073.

I believe that you have fallen short of your duty of care in relation to this application.

In particular:

- FSANZ has not followed its legislated, Codex or OECD guidelines for risk assessment over significant changes of nutrient, protein, carbohydrates and anti nutrients in A1073.
- Applicant information provided on safety is insufficient for assessment & approval into the food chain.
- There have been no feeding studies to show if there is risk from novel DNA or pesticides applied to the whole soybean, A1073 (DAS 44406-6 event).
- There is a lack of scientific data necessary to protect and maintain a safe food supply for the health and safety of people in Australia and New Zealand.
- The reliance on the applicant's data has not shown impartiality, openness and accountability.
- FSANZ has not provided information to consumers that will enable better consumer choice.

I refer you to the following study which highlights the potential of real danger from A1073 components, and ask you to reconsider your position:

"Long term toxicity of a Roundup herbicide and a Roundup-tolerant genetically modified maize." Seralini. G-E., Clair. E., Mesnage. R., Gress. S., Defarge. N., Malatesta. M., Hennequin. D. and de Vendomois. JS.Food and Chemical Toxicity Vol: 50, (11) 4221–4231). 2012.

Yours sincerely

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