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

Dear FSANZ,

I request that FSANZ should withdraw the application A1073 until such time as the necessary safety tests have been completed. Consumers need assurance of the safety of GM DAS 4406-6..

I would like to register my concern that whereas you claim that the food has been fully assessed for safety, using the best scientific grounds, in fact no feeding studies have been conducted on the soybean or any components of the whole food. Therefore FSANZ cannot carry out this risk assessment and cannot approve the genetically engineered Soybean DAS44406-6 (tolerant to three Dow herbicides).

I support the submission made by GE free NZ as written here.
<http://www.gefree.org.nz/assets/-A1073-GE-Free-NZ-Submission-.pdf>

It is very important that Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) lives up to its mission to protect the health and safety of people in Australasia and New Zealand through the maintenance of a safe food supply using the best available sciences and evidence to guide decision making and being responsive to the issues raised by others, to enable better consumer choice by undertaking dietary exposure modelling and scientific risk assessments on GM foods.

The assessments on A1073 that are provided on your website strongly suggest that you have not carried out your duty of care in relation to this application. The soybean line contains novel genes that have never been considered by FSANZ.

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.

The information provided by the applicant on safety is insufficient for assessment and 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. Over the last year there have been some highly concerning studies published in relation to safety, ([Seralini](#). G-E., Clair. E., Mesnage. R., Gress. S., Defarge. N., Malatesta. M., Hennequin. D. and de Vendomois. JS. (2012) Long term toxicity of a Roundup herbicide and a Roundup-tolerant genetically modified maize.

Food and Chemical Toxicity Vol: 50, (11) 4221–4231) that highlight the potential of real danger from A1073 components.

Yours sincerely

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