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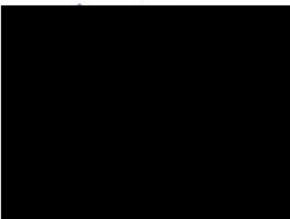
Reference APPLICATION A1092: Irradiation of Specific Fruits and Vegetables:

Application to FSANZ to amend the Food Standards Code 1.5.3 to include apples; apricots; cherries; honeydew melons; nectarines; peaches; plums; rockmelons; scallopini, strawberries; table grapes & zucchini (courgette).

We are writing to you to advise that we fully support the application submitted by Qld DAFF for the amendment of the Food Standards Code 1.5.3 to include strawberries on the approvals list for the use of irradiation as a pest disinfestation treatment for a phytosanitary purpose.

We believe these approvals will allow all producers, exporters and supply chain operatives enhanced access to export markets, as well as Australian domestic market access under the ICA-55 protocol. We also believe that irradiation will provide them all with an efficacious and sustainable additional post-harvest disinfestation option.

Yours Sincerely



President
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