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Dear Sir/Madam

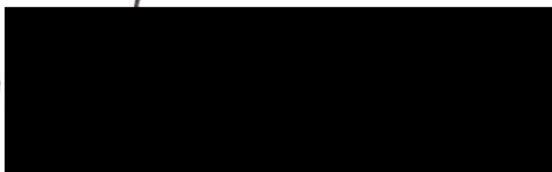
**Application A1096 – Xylanase from *Bacillus licheniformis* as a Processing Aid (Enzyme)– Call for Submissions Report**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application. The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has the following comments to make.

MPI supports Option 1 to amend the table to clause 17 of Standard 1.3.3 to permit a genetically modified strain of *Bacillus licheniformis* as a microbial source of the enzyme xylanase.

MPI notes that no public health concerns have been identified. As no evidence has been provided that the enzyme is identical to that found in nature, MPI agrees that where any residue containing novel protein is present in food, the enzyme will need to be labelled "genetically modified". This advice will need to be provided to manufacturers using the enzyme.

Yours sincerely



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