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Dear Sir/Madam

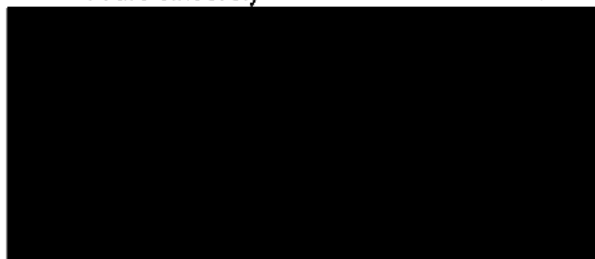
**Application A1100 – Maximum Permitted Level of Acesulphame Potassium in Chewing Gum – Call for Submissions**

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 Standards 1.3.1 – Food Additives, to approve a higher maximum permitted level of 5000mg/kg for the intense sweetener acesulphame potassium in chewing gum and bubble gum.

We are satisfied that the proposed maximum permitted level is technologically justified, and that no public health or safety concerns were identified. We note that the proposed level aligns with the Codex General Standard for Food Additives and that in place in several other countries.

Yours sincerely



**Manager Food Science and Risk Assessment**