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SUBMISSION

Application A1110

Food derived from Insect-protected soybean line MON87751

Introduction

The Australian Honey Bee Industry Council Inc. (AHBIC) is the peak body for beekeeping in Australia. Its members are:-

Queensland Beekeepers Association Inc.
New South Wales Apiarists' Association Inc.
Victorian Apiarists Association Inc.
Tasmanian Beekeepers Association Inc.
South Australian Apiarists Association Inc.
Western Australian Farmers Federation Inc. - Beekeepers Council
Honey Packers and Marketers Association Inc.
Australian Queen Bee Breeders Association Inc.
National Council of Pollination Associations Inc.
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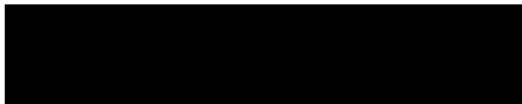
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Soybean flour is a product that is used by beekeepers as a supplement feed for honey bees when there is a dearth of natural pollen. It is a very good supplement.

As this new product is a GM product there will be problems with honey exports if any of this GM soybean was found in honey exported to the European Union (EU). Under EU laws, only products that are registered as foods in the EU can be sold in the EU. Whilst the honey itself is not a GM product the presence of any GM product, in this case soybean flour, would make the product not saleable in the EU unless it is registered as a food in the EU.

AHBIC would submit that this new line of soybean, MON87751, should not be registered for sale in Australia as a food unless it is also registered in the EU as a food.

Yours faithfully
Australian Honey Bee industry Council Inc.



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