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To whom it may concern,

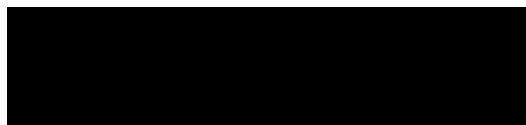
Apple & Pear Australia Ltd are supportive of the expansion of the Food Safety Code to include irradiation as a phytosanitary measure for 'all fresh fruits and vegetables' (application A1193).

Permitting the use of irradiation as a phytosanitary measure for pears would create an opportunity for the industry to access a range of new international markets for trade.

The pear industry commissioned the 'Apple & Pear Export Market Development Strategy' in 2017 which identified several key markets as high priorities for new market access. Three of these markets – Thailand, New Zealand and Vietnam – are all receptive to irradiation as a phytosanitary treatment and therefore the inclusion pears in section 1.5.3 of the Food Safety Code is the first critical step to establishing this trade.

It is for this reason, Apple & Per Australia Ltd are supportive of application A1193 to expand the use of irradiation as a phytosanitary measure for 'all fresh fruit and vegetables'.

Sincerely



CEO