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Application A1212 - Beta-fructofuranosidase enzyme from *Aspergillus fijiensis*

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application. New Zealand Food Safety (NZFS) has the following comments to make:

NZFS supports amending Schedule 18 – Processing Aids of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code (the Code) to include Beta-fructofuranosidase (EC 3.2.1.26) sourced from *Aspergillus fijiensis* ATCC 20611 as a permitted processing aid for any technological purpose in the manufacture of all foods.

We note FSANZ's assessment that, based on the available evidence, no public health and safety concerns were identified in the assessment of Beta-fructofuranosidase derived from *Aspergillus fijiensis* as an enzyme for food processing, and we note the approval at the strain level rather than at the species level, due to the limitations with available data.

NZFS notes that labelling requirements will apply if soy is present in a food for sale to inform allergic individuals.

