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Tēnā koe,

## **Application A1215 cetylpyridinium chloride (CPC) antimicrobial treatment of raw poultry**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application.

NZFS supports the approval to permit the use of cetylpyridinium chloride (CPC) as a processing aid for antimicrobial treatment of raw poultry. CPC is used in many countries without evidence of any associated issues or problems. The risk of antimicrobial resistance resulting from CPC application is minimal. However, we note that the assessment did not include consideration of the time of exposure of the product to CPC, which is critical for efficiency and is regulated in some countries where time of exposure is specified. For example, under the current USDA regulations, CPC is utilised as a dipping application cannot have more than 10 s of contact with broiler meat.

We support the FSANZ conclusion that there were no public health and safety concerns identified from the estimated dietary exposure to either CPC or the propylene glycol in the applicant's CPC preparation at the proposed use levels.

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