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Tēnā koe,

## **A1229 - Carboxypeptidase from GM *Aspergillus oryzae* as a processing aid**

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 18-9(3) of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code to permit the carboxypeptidase enzyme (EC 3.4.16.6), sourced from a genetically modified strain of *Aspergillus oryzae* (*A. oryzae*) containing the carboxypeptidase gene from *A. oryzae*, to be used as a processing aid in the manufacture and/or processing of proteins, yeast and flavourings; the manufacture of bakery products; and brewing. The maximum permitted level at which the enzyme may be present in food is an amount consistent with Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP).

We note FSANZ's assessment that, based on the available evidence, there are no safety concerns from the proposed uses of the enzyme as a food processing aid at GMP levels, and its use is technologically justified.

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