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SUBMISSION

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Attention: Project Manager – Proposal P1004

**Food Standards Australia New Zealand
Box 7186,
Canberra BC,
ACT, Australia, 2610.**

**Re: Primary Production & Processing Standard for Seed Sprouts
– First Assessment Report**

FTA Australia has reviewed this [Proposal](#) and endorses the following comments of the Technical Sub Committee:

The Committee agreed with Option 3 – which involves the development of food safety regulatory measures in the Code (which may be supported by self-regulatory measures) with the addition of the following comment:

- To reduce the load of seed sprouts contaminated by pathogenic micro-organisms. It is suggested that seed sprouts be subjected to irradiation prior to sale. The level of radiation will probably be low or similar to the level permitted for herbs and spices, etc due to the physical characteristics of seed sprouts.

If there are any queries regarding this submission, please contact the Technical Secretary, Tony Zipper, Telephone (03) 9523 8213, Fax (03) 9523 8213, Mobile 0409 324 075, E-mail tzipper@dodo.com.au.

We would appreciate being maintained on the circulation list for any changes in this matter and to receiving notification of the next step concerning this [Proposal](#).

Yours sincerely,

Rob Richards

President – FTA AUSTRALIA