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I apologise but there is a word missing in the original email. Please see correction below

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Please find attached SAFEMEAT comments regarding the first assessment report for the Primary Production and Processing Standard for Meat and Meat Products. Please direct any queries to myself

SAFEMEAT submission on the FSANZ first assessment report for the Primary Production and Processing Standard for Meat and Meat Products

SAFEMEAT is a partnership between the Australian meat and livestock industry and state and federal governments. The SAFEMEAT partnership is to ensure that red meat products achieve the highest standards of safety and hygiene from farm to consumer and to provide strategic direction and policy advice to the red meat industry. Every sector of the red meat production chain in Australia is represented on SAFEMEAT, from cattle and sheep producers, to processors, to meat and livestock exporters, to government representatives.

SAFEMEAT have two concerns over the development of the Primary Production and Processing Standard for Meat and Meat Products. These are as follows:

1. SAFEMEAT is concerned that the development of this standard could cause the introduction of two systems within Australia due to diverging requirements. One system would be for the domestic market which would comply with the new Primary Production and Processing Standard, while the other system would be for the export market, where there are requirements from the farm through to export. SAFEMEAT requests that the Standards Development Committee remain mindful of this potential, agree that this situation should be avoided and reconsider including on-farm systems as part of the Primary Production and Processing Standard for Meat and Meat Products; and

2. SAFEMEAT actively promotes national consistency in the application of legislated requirements for the red meat industry. While recognising that on- farm systems may also address aspects **NOT** solely having a food safety outcome (e.g animal health, animal welfare, product quality aspects) SAFEMEAT is concerned that if the new standard does not cover the whole chain, from on-farm through to processing, there is the potential for inconsistency between state and territory jurisdictions in what they require for on-farm systems. SAFEMEAT considers that having minimal, outcome focused, on-farm requirements included in the new standard would provide the framework for national consistency in requirements placed upon the red meat industry by state and territory jurisdictions.

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