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Project Officer Application A1050
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Dear Sir/Madam

Application A1050 – Acyltransferase from *Bacillus licheniformis* as a Processing Aid (Enzyme) – Assessment Report

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application. The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) has the following comments to make.

MAF supports Option 2 to amend Standard 1.3.3 – Processing Aids, to approve the use of Acyltransferase from *Bacillus licheniformis* as a processing aid (enzyme). We are satisfied that the proposed use of the enzyme is technologically justified and that no public health or safety concerns were identified.

However, we propose that the name for the enzyme used in Standard 1.3.3, Table to clause 17 is amended to be stated as “Glycerophospholipid cholesterol acyltransferase, protein engineered variant EC 2.3.1.43”. This suggested name change more fully describes the enzyme and is consistent with the United States Food and Drug Administration’s GRAS (Generally Recognised As Safe) notice, and the proposed entry into Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA) Inventory of Processing Aids (IPA).

Yours sincerely

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