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Dear Sir/Madam

Application A1092 – Irradiation of Specific Fruits and Vegetables – Call for submissions

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application. The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has the following comments to make.

MPI supports Option 1, to prepare draft variations to Standard 1.5.3 – Irradiation of Food, to permit the irradiation of apple, apricot, cherry, nectarine, peach, plum, honeydew, rockmelon, scallopini, strawberry, table grape and zucchini (courgette) as a phytosanitary measure. We are satisfied that the proposed irradiation is technologically justified and that no public health or safety concerns were identified, including potential effects on nutritional quality. This is consistent with assessments for existing permissions to irradiate specified fruit and vegetables, including capsicums and tomatoes.

While MPI supports irradiation as a phytosanitary measure against pests, a New Zealand health import standard covering these new fruit and vegetables for quarantine purposes must be completed and introduced before they can be imported and sold in New Zealand. MPI has not as yet received any formal requests to start this work.

Yours sincerely



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