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SUBMISSION :

Reference **APPLICATION A1092 : Irradiation of Specific Fruits and Vegetables :**

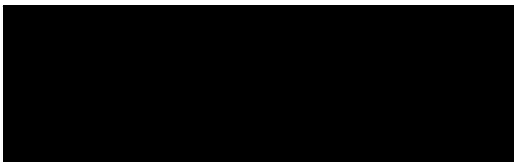
Application to FSANZ to amend the Food Standards Code 1.5.3 to include apples; apricots; cherries; honeydew melons; nectarines; peaches; plums; rockmelons; scallopini, strawberries; table grapes & zucchini (courgette).

We are writing to you to advise that we fully support the application submitted by Qld DAFF, for the amendment of the Food Standards Code 1.5.3 to include apples; apricots; cherries; honeydew melons; nectarines; peaches; plums; rockmelons, scallopini, strawberries; table grapes & zucchini (courgette), on the approvals list for the use of irradiation as a pest disinfection treatment for a phytosanitary purpose.

We are peach, nectarine and custard apple growers located on the far north coast of New South Wales in the Byron Bay hinterland. In recent years we have suffered greatly with the reduction of available chemicals that are critical to the efficient and effective operation of our orchard.

We support the above application as we believe these approvals will allow all producers, exporters and supply chain operatives enhanced access to Australian domestic markets under the ICA-55 protocol, as well as export markets, and that Irradiation provides to them all an efficacious and sustainable additional post – harvest disinfection option.

Yours sincerely



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