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Dear Sir/Madam

## Application A1102 – L-carnitine in Food – 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 FSANZ's decision to increase the permitted maximum amount of L-Carnitine in formulated supplementary sports food to 2 grams per one-day quantity. MPI also supports FSANZ's proposal not to permit the addition of L-Carnitine to the 30 classes of general and special purpose food requested by the applicant, based on the evidence that the target populations (elderly, vegetarians and people actively losing weight) would not reach a beneficial level of L-Carnitine intake.

MPI notes that in the Dietary Assessment (Supporting Document 1) the number of 'people who consume sports foods/beverages' (n=61) and 'people who consume weight management/meal replacement products' (n=56) in New Zealand was less than the number of 'elderly aged 71 years and above' (n=463) and 'people who don't eat meat' (n=156). As such, we recommend that the statistical limitations of the smaller sample size of 'people who consume sports foods/beverages' and 'people who consume weight management/meal replacement products' be acknowledged in the New Zealand dietary assessment.

Yours sincerely