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Project Officer Application A1113  
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Dear Sir/Madam

**Application A1113 – Extension of use of Propionates in Processed Meat– 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 Schedule 15 to permit the use of propionates in processed meats as antimicrobial preservatives. MPI agrees that this use is technologically justified and that it raises no public health or safety concerns.

Yours sincerely,

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**Manager Food Science and Risk Assessment**