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Dear Sir / Madam

Submission – Application A1158 – Rosemary extract as a food additive

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the call for submissions paper for Application A1158.

This response provides technical advice and comments related to this issue. The submission does not represent a Queensland Government position, which will be a matter for the Queensland Government when notification is made by the FSANZ Board to the Australia and New Zealand Ministerial Forum on Food Regulation.

Concern is raised of the intention to vary the Food Standards Code to permit the use of rosemary extract as a food additive before the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) complete their evaluation of data on reproductive and developmental safety of rosemary extract. It would appear to be more appropriate to 'stop the clock' on this application pending the outcome of the JECFA decision.

Should you require further information in relation to this matter, please contact Food Safety Standards and Regulation, Health Protection Branch, Queensland Department of Health on (07) 3328 9310 or at foodsafety@health.qld.gov.au

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