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Dear Sir / Madam

Submission – Application A605 – Yeast mannoproteins as a food additive for wine

Thank you for the opportunity to assess the Draft Assessment Report for Application A605.

This is a whole of Queensland Government response and is made by Queensland Health since it is the lead agency in Queensland which coordinates policy advice relative to the national policy on food regulation. Our approach follows consultation with other Queensland Government agencies.

Option 2 – Amend Standards 1.3.1, 1.3.4 and 4.5.1 to approve the use of yeast mannoproteins as a food additive to stabilise wine – is supported.

We acknowledge that there is a long history of human consumption of the yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, primarily due to its use in baking and brewing.

We also note that a detailed safety assessment did not identify any public health and safety concerns and the use of the additive is technologically justified as an alternative treatment to the currently permitted and used additives and processes.

Yours sincerely

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