

**Comments from the Victorian Departments of Health and Human Services, and Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources.**

**Due date of submission – 25 July 2017.**

The Victorian Departments of Health and Human Services, and Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (the departments) welcome the opportunity to provide comments on Proposal M1014 – Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) 2016.

It is understood that Proposal M1014 is a routine proposal prepared by FSANZ to update the Code to align with Codex standards and those of trading partners for food commodities to be imported to Australia, and to align with safe limits (MRLs) for agricultural and veterinary (agvet) chemicals proposed for deletion, increases or reductions by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority.

The departments have considered the information provided by FSANZ, including risk assessments, and are satisfied that the inclusion of the MRLs in the Code as proposed will permit the sale of foods containing legitimate residues at levels that are consistent with the effective control of pests and diseases, and which dietary assessments have confirmed are safe for human consumption.

On this basis the departments support the progression of Proposal M1014.