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NOTIFICATION

<p>1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:</p>
<p>2. Agency responsible: Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ)</p>
<p>3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable Processed foods.</p>
<p>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All countries supplying food to New Zealand, as well as domestically produced foods sold in New Zealand</p>
<p>5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Draft Assessment for Application A543 – Food derived from Insect-protected Glufosinate Ammonium-tolerant Corn Line DAS-59122-7 (46 pages, in English).</p>
<p>6. Description of content: FSANZ has received an Application to amend Standard 1.5.2 – Food Produced using Gene Technology in the <i>Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code</i> (the Code) to approve the use of food products derived from genetically modified insect-protected glufosinate ammonium-tolerant corn line DAS59122-7. Insect protection is conferred by expression in the plant of bacterially derived proteins that are selectively toxic to certain insect pests of corn. Herbicide tolerance is conferred by the <i>pat</i> gene. Corn line DAS 59122-7 has been developed for cultivation in North America, therefore, if approved, food derived from this corn could enter the market in Australia and New Zealand via imported products.</p>
<p>7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests Foods produced using gene technology are required to undergo a pre-market assessment of their safety, to ensure that they are as safe as their conventional counterparts. All applications to change the Code, must be assessed in the context of the following objectives: (a) the protection of public health and safety; (b) the provision of adequate information relating to food to enable consumers to make informed choices; and (c) the prevention of misleading or deceptive conduct.</p>
<p>8. International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</p>

9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: <i>Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code</i> (English)
10.	Proposed date of adoption: Notification to Government anticipated August 2005 with adoption (gazettal) to follow, pending Government consideration.
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: Date of Gazettal , pending Government consideration.
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <u>16 May 2005</u></p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Food Standards Australia New Zealand PO Box 10559 Wellington 6036 NEW ZEALAND Fax: + 64 4 473 9855 E-mail: info@foodstandards.govt.nz</p>
13.	<p>Texts available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Documents are available from the Food Standards Australia New Zealand website: www.foodstandards.gov.au/standardsdevelopment.</p> <p>Copies are also available from:</p> <p>The NZ SPS Notification Point PO Box 2526 Wellington NEW ZEALAND Fax: +64 4 4744219 Email: sps@maf.govt.nz</p>