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Administrative Appeals Tribunal
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Ref: 2012/0145 and 2012/0177

Dear Mr. Teves,

Thank you for your letter dated 16th January 2012 and the telephone conversation on the 25th clarifying some points.

We believe that the Tribunal does have jurisdiction to review the FSANZ Food Standards 1.5.2 decision in relation to section 143 (1) (b) (ii) and also section 143 (1)(c).

We believe that our interests have been affected by this decision and we have responsibly expressed our concerns through due process as submitters and concerned public. We have also submitted a proposal to review the decision expressing our concerns over the lack of safety information to the Ministerial Council. We have received a letter to state that they will do nothing about our proposal.

The FSANZ Act clearly outlines the Administrative Appeals Tribunal as the place to register a review of a decision, as we are persons whose interests are affected by the decision. It is surely part of due process and natural justice for the public as affected persons, well as the applicant, to be able to appeal a decision?

We outlined our concerns in the previous correspondence of the 10.01.2012 around the FSANZ Act and the responsibility it has to the public health and safety of Australian and New Zealand people.

The FSANZ Act is established to protect public health so there is reason for concern in the absence of best available science, the omission to undertake dietary exposure and scientific risk modeling, and the fact there is to be no consumer information or labelling.

Efforts to highlight these failings have been made, but the Authority has not been responsive in addressing the issues raised. There is need to apply the protective measures of section 143.

We acknowledge that you are not allowed to call New Zealand in relation to this application

so we ask that you copy all correspondence to Claire Bleakley at claire@gefree.org.nz with the times and dates of any hearing or need to talk.

Thank you,
Yours sincerely,

Jon Muller (Secretary for GE Free NZ in Food and Environment.

Submissions to FSANZ and the Ministerial council from GE Free NZ are available to be sent.