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Dear Jon Muller

Thank you for your detailed letter of 24 August 2011 regarding A1042 corn line DAS- 40278-9.

In considering any FSANZ recommendations on changes to the Food Code to the Australia and New Zealand Food Regulation Ministerial Council, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) provides me with advice on the assessment and any other relevant issues.

I expect to receive advice on the FSANZ recommendations in relation to A1042 in due course. I have asked MAF officials to ensure that advice includes consideration of the issues you have raised in your submission, and is provided to me with ample time. I will be considering all views prior to responding to the Food Regulation Secretariat in early October with my decision.

If I should require further information I will contact you directly.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me.

Yours sincerely

Hon Kate Wilkinson
Minister for Food Safety