



## REGULATIONS REVIEW COMMITTEE

19 August 2013

Mr Jon Muller  
Secretary  
GE Free New Zealand  
PO Box 13402  
Wellington

Dear Mr Muller,

### **Complaint regarding the New Zealand (Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code) Food Standards 2002, Amendment No. 53**

Thank you for your complaint to the Regulations Review Committee dated 3 July 2013 advising of your concerns about the New Zealand (Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code) Food Standards 2002, Amendment No. 53. The committee considered your complaint at its meeting on 8 August 2013.

The committee's jurisdiction in relation to regulations is set out in the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives. Under Standing Order 314(5), the committee may investigate complaints about the operation of regulations, and may report on complaints to the House of Representatives. Where a complaint relates to one of the grounds set out in Standing Order 315(2), the committee can draw the regulation to the special attention of the House and take the step of recommending that a regulation be disallowed under the Legislation Act 2012. However, any decision to disallow a regulation is made by the House and the committee can make only a recommendation. A copy of the committee's Standing Orders is attached; the Standing Orders are also available on the parliamentary website, [www.parliament.nz](http://www.parliament.nz).

It appears on the face of it that your submission relates to one or more of the grounds in Standing Order 315(2). We have therefore resolved to send a copy of your complaint to the Ministry of Primary Industries for its response. The ministry has been asked to respond by 30 August 2013.

In accordance with the requirements of Standing Order 316(2), GE Free New Zealand will be given an opportunity to appear before the committee to give oral evidence on its complaint. The clerk of the committee, Rebecca Forbes, will be in touch to discuss this with you in due course.

Please note that your complaint is under consideration as confidential committee proceedings and that any documents before the committee relating to this matter will not be available for public release until the committee reports to Parliament.

Please contact the clerk of committee on (04) 817 9533 or at [rebecca.forbes@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:rebecca.forbes@parliament.govt.nz) if you have questions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Maryan Street". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Hon Maryan Street  
Chairperson