



# GE Free New Zealand

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Dear Ms. Murphy,

We are asking you as the Minister with the responsibility of approving GE applications under 1.5.2 code of the FSANZ Act 1991.

Under section 3 of the Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991

The object of this Act is to ensure a high standard of public health protection throughout Australia and New Zealand to achieve the following goals:

(a) high degree of consumer confidence in the quality and safety of food produced, processed, sold or exported from Australia and New Zealand;

(b) effective, transparent and accountable regulatory framework within which the food industry can work efficiently;

(c) provision of adequate information relating to food to enable consumers to make informed choices;

(d) establishment of common rules for both countries and the promotion of consistency between domestic and international food regulatory measures without reducing the safeguards applying to public health and consumer protection.

We note that Ministry of Primary Industries and the Minister has final signing rights on these approvals.

We are bringing your attention to a study published today in a peer reviewed journal Food and Chemical Toxicology on a two year study of mice eating NK603 maize at 11% of their diet. (Séralini, G.-E., *et al.* Long term toxicity of a Roundup herbicide and a Roundup-tolerant genetically modified maize. *Food Chem. Toxicol.* (2012), <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.fct.2012.08.005>)

This maize has for many years been subject to concern and these latest findings show that there is a direct threat to public health, especially of young children, the elderly and these who are immune compromised.

As consumers and In light of your objectives under section 40 of the Food Act 1981, it is essential for the safeguards of consumer protection and public health that an immediate recall on all products that are sourced from maize application A416 that was approved without any safety studies in 2002 is undertaken.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary for GE Free NZ in Food and Environment.