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NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE

ON TREATIES. RE: TREATY

BETWEEN AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

ON FOOD STANDARDS.

DEAR SIRS.

IT IS THE SUBMISSION OF THE EXECUTIVE THAT THIS TREATY BE RATIFED, WE FULLY SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF JOINT FOOD STANDARDS AS STATED IN THE OVERVIEW AND NATIONAL INTEREST SUMMARY. WE HOPE THAT THIS JOINT OPERATION WILL NOT EFFECT AUSTRALIAN FOOD PRODUCERS, AND JOBS IN THE INDUSTRY. IT WOULD BE EXPECTED THAT FOOD STANDARDS AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS WOULD ALREADY BE IN PLACE IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY. WE WELCOME THIS AGREEMENT BUT WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE NEED FOR SUCH A TREATY, COMMON SENSE WOULD OR SHOULD MAKE IT A FACT. HEALTH ISSUES WITH FOOD SHOULD BE COVERED BY HEALTH REGULATIONS, AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN NATIONS ON IMPORT, SHOULD COVER SAFETY, HEALTH AND ENFORCEMENT OF ALL REGULATIONS. IF STANDARDS ARE NOT BEING ALREADY MET THEN A TREATY WILL NOT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE. OUR CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT SHOULD ENSURE THAT ALL HEALTH REGULATIONS ARE BEING MET AT THE TIME OF IMPORT. THE EXECUTIVE WISH TO THANK THE COMMITTEE FOR ALLOWING US TO COMMENT.

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