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By Email

Dear Mr Seymour

<u>ADRP REVIEW: Prepared or Preserved Tomatoes Exported from Italy –ADC Invitation to Comment</u>

I refer to your letter dated 11 June 2014 requesting a short extension to the time for a response requested in the ADC invitation to comment Letter dated 30 May 2014.

As you are aware, the invitation to comment is an informal procedure to give the ADC an opportunity to comment on the grounds raised in the application(s) for review. Unlike, for example, section s269ZZL of the Act, there is no legislative timeframe or provision by which the ADRP can stipulate or extend the time in which the ADC comments can be made.

The timeframe requested in the ADC invitation to comment letter was to allow a reasonable time for interested parties to review and respond to the comments, given that the ADC comments would be publicly available on the ADRP website. As you will also be aware, the legislative deadline for submissions by interested parties is 30 days and the ADRP does not have the power to extend this time.

I appreciate that providing comments on the applications adds to the workload of the ADC. However, in order to maintain the fairness of the procedure, I would urge the ADC to provide any comments on the applications as soon as possible to ensure that interested parties have a reasonable opportunity to review the comments and make submissions on the applications, including any response to the ADC comments, by the deadline for submissions. The deadline for submissions is 30 June 2014.

Yours truly,

Ms Joan Fitzhenry Panel Member

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