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Dear Liam

**Time waiver for Chilean needle grass biological control agent (APP203314)**

As you know, this application is currently subject to a time waiver under section 59 of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996. This was to allow time for further testing of the biocontrol agent, *Uromyces pencanus* before consideration of the application. The time waiver was diarised for review this month.

Further to your recent email correspondence with our advisor, Gabi Hidvegi, this letter is to confirm to you that the time waiver will continue. We understand that the additional testing has yet to be completed and you have advised that you may not be ready to proceed with the application before April 2022. We will review the waiver again in April 2022 if we have not heard from you before then.

We confirm that, in line with section 59(5) of the HSNO Act, we will proceed with processing your application as soon as we are able to.

Please contact Gabi Hidvegi at [Gabi.hidvegi@epa.govt.nz](mailto:Gabi.hidvegi@epa.govt.nz) if you wish to discuss this timeframe extension or any other part of the application process further.

Yours sincerely



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