



October 5, 2021

Dear Chris

RE: Request for extension for hydrogen cyanamide submission

Zespri wishes to formally request an extension to the hydrogen cyanamide reassessment (APP203974) to **December 20, 2021**.

Zespri wishes to engage independent experts to review the EPA's application, advise us and assist in our submission to fully inform the discussion. To ensure we have access to the best information to inform the process, we have approached several experts - some of whom are located outside of New Zealand - who have indicated they are not able to provide this advice soon enough for us to gain industry input and include in our submission to meet the current deadline of November 26.

Zespri wishes to engage as best and as fully as possible in this reassessment and understand the science, levels of risk and the potential impact of mitigations. We need the input of independent experts to do this.

We also wish to incorporate this advice at the submission stage, rather than in-person at the public hearing, so other submitters and the EPA have a fair opportunity to read and review this and for it to be fully considered, before the hearing itself.

The EPA has acknowledged in the application that there are significant benefits from this substance and the controls proposed in the application form will have a significant impact on the kiwifruit sector. We also acknowledge the concerns raised by the EPA about the risks.

To allow Zespri and our stakeholders to engage fully and participate in an informed way in this reassessment which has significant consequence for the industry we request the submission deadline be extended to December 20. This extended timeframe will allow us to make a full and complete response to the EPA for consideration by the decision-making committee.

Please feel free to contact me with questions.

Best regards,



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