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**Submission to the Australia New Zealand Food Authority on  
Application A393 – Bromo-Chloro-Dimethylhydantoin (BCDMH)  
as a Processing Aid**

**Introduction**

The National Council of Women of New Zealand (NCWNZ) is an umbrella organisation representing 44 nationally organised societies. It has 34 branches spread throughout the country to which women from some 150 societies are affiliated.

The nucleus Consumer Affairs Committee of NCWNZ thanks ANZFA for forwarding their background papers on Application A393 – Bromo-Chloro-Dimethylhydantoin (BCDMH) as a Processing Aid and are pleased to make the following comments.

In our original submission S99.63 on 29 October 1999 we stated that we would not oppose this application provided that we are assured of the safety of BCDMH once ANZFA have evaluated the full toxicological report from the National Registration Authority.

We have not studied the full assessment report which “concludes that permitting the use of BCDMH as a washing agent is technologically justified and poses no significant risk to public health and safety”. **Conclusion Page 8 para 1.**

**Para 2** states “Approval of BCDMH as a washing agent in Standard A16 will provide manufacturing with an alternative processing aid for the disinfection of water, which is non-corrosive at the levels used, remains effective at high pH (to pH 8.5), is more effective at lower concentrations and has very low phytotoxicity”.

**Conclusion**

NCWNZ approves “Option 2, which proposes to amend the Food Standards Code to permit the use of BCDMH as a processing aid, appears to impose no significant costs on government, industry or consumers and may be of benefit to industry and consumers”. **Evaluation Page 7.**

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