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To whom it may concern

Subject: Food and Primary Product Safety in New Zealand and COVID-19.

The New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries requires and verifies that all New Zealand exporting food and primary product processors have appropriate hygiene controls to prevent cross contamination with contaminants of relevance to human, animal or plant health.

While neither food nor its packaging is currently considered to be a risk pathway for transference of COVID-19, the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries has also put additional COVID-19 related controls on all businesses involved in the processing and export of food and primary products. The controls require businesses to take all measures necessary to actively prevent the potential spread of COVID-19 within or associated with the scope of their operations.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Allan Kinsella'.

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