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Dear Sir

RE: REPLY TO THE DRAFT IRA REPORT FOR FRESH GINGER FROM FIJI

The Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) would like to thank the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) for such a comprehensive report. SPC has read the draft IRA report for fresh ginger (Zingiber officinale) from Fiji and highlighted areas it feels obliged to seek clarification as it could be a Technical Barrier to Trade for the ginger industry in Fiji. SPC's comments are detailed in the attached document.

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