FOOD STANDARDS Australia New Zealand
Te Mana Kounga Kai – Ahitereiria me Aotearoa

11 November 2024
316-24

Administrative Assessment Report –Application A1318

A1318 – Steviol glycosides produced by enzymatic conversion using enzymes produced by GM *Escherichia coli* BL21

1. Application details

<table>
<tr><td colspan="3">Date received: 25 September 2024
Date due for completion of administrative assessment: 17 October 2024
Date completed: 17 October 2024</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Applicant
Sichuan Ingia Biosynthetic Co., Ltd.</td><td rowspan="2">Potentially affected Schedules 3 and 18:</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Brief description of application:
To seek approval for rebaudioside M (a steviol glycoside) produced by the enzymatic conversion method, using enzymes derived from genetically modified Escherichia coli BL21.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Procedure:
General Level 2</td><td>Maximum total variable hours:
290 hours

Reasons why:
Seeking pre-market safety approval of an already permitted food additive, produced from a new GM source, requiring a safety assessment of average complexity.</td><td>Estimated start date for assessment: mid November 2024</td></tr>
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2. Decision

Application: accepted

Decision Date: 17 October 2024

If fees for ECCB are not received, date of rejection: 15 November 2024

3. Consultation & assessment timeframe

Proposed length of public consultation periods:

6 weeks

Proposed timeframe for assessment

General:

Commence assessment (clock start)	mid November 2024
Public comment	mid February – late March 2025
Board to consider approval	early August 2025
Notification to Food Ministers' Meeting (FMM)	mid August 2025
Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	early November 2025