

**19 February 2015**

**[02–15]**

**Administrative Assessment Report – Application A1108**

Rebaudioside M as a Steviol Glycoside Intense Sweetener

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| **Date received: 7 January 2015****Date due for completion of administrative assessment:** 30 January 2015**Date completed: 23 January 2015** |
| **Applicant:** PureCircle Limited (USA) via Intertek Scientific & Regulatory Consultancy | **Potentially affected Standards:**1.3.1 and 1.3.4 |
| **Brief description of Application:**To include rebaudioside M in the list of permitted steviol glycoside products used as intense sweeteners. |
| **Procedure:** General   | **Estimated total hours:** Up to 350 hoursReasons why**:**Seeking permission to add a new food additive to currently permitted food additive group. | **Estimated start work:** Early Feb 2015 |

***Decision***

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| **Application accepted** **Date:** 23 January 2014 |

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| **Has the Applicant requested confidential commercial information status?** Yes✔ NoWhat documents are affected? Appendix 1**Has the Applicant provided justification for confidential commercial information request?** Yes✔ No N/A |
| **Has the Applicant sought special consideration e.g. novel food exclusivity, two separate applications which need to be progressed together?**Yes No✔ |

***Charges***

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| **Does FSANZ consider that the application confers an exclusive capturable commercial benefit on the Applicant?**Yes No ✔ |
| **Does the Applicant want to expedite consideration of this Application?**Yes✔ No Not known **Fees received: 9 February 2015** |

***Application Handbook requirements***

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| **Which Guidelines within the Part 3 of the *Application Handbook* apply to this Application?**3.1.1, 3.3.1 **Is the checklist completed?**Yes ✔ No**Does the Application meet the requirements of the relevant Guidelines?** Yes✔ No  |
| **Does the Application relate to a matter that may be developed as a food regulatory measure, or that warrants a variation of a food regulatory measure?**Yes✔ No |
| **Is the Application so similar to a previous application or proposal for the development or variation of a food regulatory measure that it ought not to be accepted?**Yes No✔ |
| **Did the Applicant identify the Procedure that, in their view, applies to the consideration of this Application?**Yes✔ No**If yes, indicate which Procedure:** General  |
| **Other Comments or Relevant Matters:**Nil  |

***Consultation & assessment timeframe***

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| **Proposed length of public consultation period:** 6 weeks  |
| **Proposed timeframe for assessment:****‘Early Bird Notification’ due: 16 February 2015**Commence assessment (clock start) Early Feb 2015Completion of assessment & preparation of draft food reg measure Early June 2015Public comment Mid-June – late July 2015Board to complete approval Late Oct 2015Notification to Forum Early Nov 2015Anticipated gazettal if no review requested Mid-Jan 2016 |