

**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 hours  Reasons 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✔ No  What 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 2015  Completion of assessment & preparation of draft food reg measure Early June 2015  Public comment Mid-June – late July 2015  Board to complete approval Late Oct 2015  Notification to Forum Early Nov 2015  Anticipated gazettal if no review requested Mid-Jan 2016 |