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Attention: Standards Management Officer

RE: Submission - A1172 - Enzymatic production of Rebaudioside D, 12 February 2019 [73-19]

This submission is made by the Food and Beverage Importers Association (hereafter FBIA), an industry body dealing with regulatory controls, operational matters and logistics issues facing food and beverage importers.

FBIA supports the recommended amendment to Schedule 3 – Identity and Purity of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code to permit SweeGen's rebaudioside D (Reb D), manufactured using a novel enzymatic production method, to be used in Australia and New Zealand.

FBIA acknowledges that the FSANZ risk assessment has not identified any safety concerns associated with SweeGen's Reb D produced using the enzyme processing aid UGT-A.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if we can provide any further information in support of this submission.

Yours sincerely

