

Food Standards Australia
and New Zealand
by email: submissions@foodstandards.gov.au

Brussels, 19th July 2021

Dear Sirs,

Re: Submission - Application A1222 Steviol glycosides from *Yarrowia lipolytica*

I am writing to you on behalf of the International Sweeteners Association (ISA), representing suppliers and users of low/no calorie sweeteners (LNCS), in relation to the above-mentioned application to approve under the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code a purified steviol glycoside mixture for use as a sweetener that is produced by fermentation of simple sugars using a *Yarrowia lipolytica* production strain.

The ISA fully supports the approval of steviol glycoside from *Yarrowia lipolytica* in Australia and New Zealand on the basis of the application submitted and as proposed in the Draft variation to the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code attached to the call for submissions. The ISA would like to underline that low/no calorie sweeteners such as steviol glycosides used in foods, beverages and table-top sweeteners, provide consumers with a wide choice of sweet-tasting options with low or no calories.

We thank you for taking these comments into consideration.

Yours faithfully,

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