

Application A1034 - Advantame as a High Intensity Sweetener

Submissions due: 18 October 2010

First Assessment Report submission:

The Victorian Department of Health has no concerns at this time relating to the use of Advantame as a table-top sweetener and added to a range of powdered beverages and protein drinks (conditional on support of the toxicology report by the external peer reviewers). There are no nutritional issues identified at this time.

The Department supports Option 2A: to approve the use of Advantame as an intense sweetener in schedule 1 of Standard 1.3.1 at restricted maximum levels. Including Advantame in Schedule 1 at specified levels is consistent with the regulation of other intense sweeteners and allows it to be incorporated specifically into those foods and beverages identified as targets by the applicant. This would prevent the potential widespread uptake of this new intense sweetener into a wide range of foods that might occur if it were listed under Schedule 2 (Option 2B).