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Dear Sir / Madam

### **Submission – Application A1034 – Advantame as a High-Intensity Sweetener**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Assessment Report for Application A1034.

This is a whole of Queensland Government response and is made by Queensland Health since it is the lead agency in Queensland which coordinates policy advice relative to the national policy on food regulation. Our approach follows consultation with other relevant Queensland Government agencies and includes expert input by Queensland Health Forensic and Scientific Services.

Queensland supports Option 2A - Approve the use of Advantame as an intense sweetener in Schedule 1 of Standard 1.3.1 at restricted maximum levels to prevent the potential widespread uptake of this new intense sweetener into a wide range of foods that might occur if it was listed under Schedule 2 (Option 2B).

Queensland has reservations and concerns regarding the extension of use of Advantame to other food matrices as per Option 2B without making available validated analytical methodology.

Given the previous regulatory issues, we were of the understanding, through recent Implementation Sub Committee working group meetings, FSANZ and the jurisdictions had reached an agreement that new standards would not be progressed without suitable analytical methods to enable enforcement of standards.

Yours sincerely

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