

**3 May 2016**

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**Administrative Assessment Report – Application A1129**

Monk Fruit Extract as a Food Additive

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| **Date received:** 8 March 2106**Date due for completion of administrative assessment:** 1 April 2016**Date completed: 31 March 2016** |
| **Applicant:** Saraya Co. Ltd | **Potentially affected standards:**Schedule 3Schedule 15Schedule 8 Standard 1.2.4  |
| **Brief description of Application:**To seek permission for monk fruit extract as a food additive, specifically as an intense sweetener. |
| **Procedure:** General, Level 2  | **Estimated total hours:** Max 650 hours**Reasons why:** Involves an assessment of the risk to public health and safety of average complexity.  | **Provisional estimated start work:** Mid-October 2016 |

***Decision***

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| **Application accepted****Date: 31 March 2016** |

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| **Has the Applicant requested confidential commercial information status?** Yes No✔**Has the Applicant provided justification for confidential commercial information request?** Yes No N/A✔ |

***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 ✔ |

***Application Handbook requirements***

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| **Which Guidelines within the Part 3 of the *Application Handbook* apply to this Application?**3.2.1, 3.2.4, 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**If no, why not?** |
| **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✔**If no, why not?**The Application seeks permission of monk fruit extract as a food additive, specifically as an intense sweetener. This intense sweetener differs from others already permitted. |
| **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, level 2 |
| **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: 29 April 2016**Commence assessment (clock start) Mid-December 2016Completion of assessment & preparation of draft food reg measure Early May 2017Public comment Mid-May–late June 2017Board to complete approval Mid-September 2017Notification to Forum Early October 017Anticipated gazettal if no review requested Mid-December 2017 |