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From:

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To:

Food Standards Australia New Zealand
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RE: Call for submissions – Application A1172, Enzymatic production of rebaudioside D

The International Stevia Council (ISC) is a global trade association representing the stevia industry, including stevia leaf growers and producers, stevia extracts and steviol glycosides producers, users of steviol glycosides in final consumer products. ISC activities aim at improving the diets and health of people globally by addressing sugars and calories in food.

We would like to support the application A1172 made by made SweeGen, Inc. to amend the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code to include a new specification for Rebaudioside D produced by an enzymatic conversion method.

ISC is in full support of the draft food regulatory measure as prepared.

We are aligned with the FSANZ assessment that there are no public health and safety risks associated with the use of SweeGen's Reb D.

This approval is important for the food industry and consumers as it offers an additional alternative to the currently available nonnutritive sweeteners. Expanded availability of sugar alternatives for the development of table top sweeteners and other foods further supports public health directives to decrease sugar and calorie intakes in foods.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide our support of this amendment.

Kind regards,



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