

**5 February 2018**

**[37-18]**

**Administrative Assessment Report – Application A1157**

Enzymatic Production of Rebaudioside M

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| **Date received: 10 January 2018**  **Date due for completion of administrative assessment:** 2 February 2018  **Date completed: 31 January 2018** | | |
| **Applicant:** Blue California | | **Potentially affected standards:**  Schedules 3 and 18 |
| **Brief description of Application:**  To seek approval for a new specification for rebaudioside M produced by an enzymatic biosynthesis method. | |
| **Procedure:**  General | **Estimated total hours:**  maximum 650 hours  Reasons why**:**  Seeking a pre-market safety approval for a new production process and specification for a currently permitted food additive requiring a safety assessment of average complexity | **Provisional estimated start work:**  late February (if expedited) |

***Decision***

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| **Application accepted**  **Date: 31 January 2018** |

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| **Has the Applicant requested confidential commercial information status?**  Yes✔ No  What documents are affected?  Appendix A  **Has the Applicant provided justification for confidential commercial information request?**  Yes✔ No |
| **Has the Applicant sought special consideration e.g. novel food exclusivity, two separate applications which need to be progressed together?**  Yes No✔ |

***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?**  3.1.1, 3.3.1, 3.3.2  **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 |
| **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✔ |
| **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 |
| **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:**  Commence assessment (clock start) Late February 2018  Completion of assessment & preparation of draft food reg measure Late June 2018  Public comment Early July – mid-August 2018  Board to complete approval Mid-February 2019  Notification to Forum Late February 2019  Anticipated gazettal if no review requested Early May 2019 |