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Application A1222 - Steviol glycosides from *Yarrowia lipolytica*

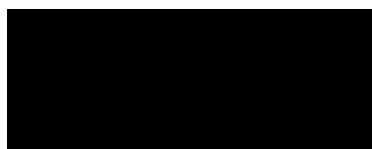
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application. New Zealand Food Safety (NZFS) has the following comments to make:

NZFS supports the amendment to the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code (the Code) to include a new specification for a steviol glycoside preparation. Avansya V.O.F (Avansya) seeks an amendment to permit their purified steviol glycoside preparation, produced by fermentation of simple sugars using a genetically modified *Yarrowia lipolytica* (*Y. lipolytica*) production strain (VRM0014).

NZFS accepts FSANZ's recommendation to continue requiring the number 960 or name 'steviol glycosides' to be used in the statement of ingredients for all steviol glycosides until new INS numbers are available for all novel production methods, at which stage a proposal can be prepared to insert new INS numbers in the Code.

We note that FSANZ has concluded that the steviol glycoside preparation does not pose a risk to public health and safety.

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