

6 February 2023
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Administrative Assessment Report –Application A1268

Steviol glycosides produced by bioconversion using new enzymes produced by GM *Escherichia coli*

1. Application details

<p>Date received: 4 January 2023 Date due for completion of administrative assessment: 27 January 2023 Date completed: 25 January 2023</p>		
<p>Applicant: Manus Bio Inc.</p>		<p>Potentially affected schedules: 3 and 18</p>
<p>Brief description of application: To permit several enzymes introduced into GM <i>E. coli</i>, as processing aids, in the manufacture of the intense sweetener food additive, steviol glycosides, by the bioconversion method of production.</p>		
<p>Procedure: General Level 1</p>	<p>Maximum total variable hours: 240 hours Reasons why: Seeking a pre-market safety approval of different processing aids for the production of a permitted intense sweetener food additive, requiring a safety assessment of average complexity.</p>	<p>Estimated start date for assessment: February 2023</p>

2. Decision

<p>Application accepted</p> <p>Decision Date: 25 January 2023</p> <p>If fees for ECCB are not received, date of rejection: 24 February 2023</p>
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3. Consultation & assessment timeframe

Proposed length of public consultation periods:

6 weeks

Proposed timeframe for assessment

'Early Bird Notification' due: 3 March 2023

General:

Commence assessment (clock start)

Late Feb 2023

Public comment

Mid June–late July 2023

Board to complete approval

Late Oct 2023

Notification to Food Ministers' Meeting (FMM)

Early Nov 2023

Anticipated gazettal if no review requested

Mid Jan 2024