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Food Standards Australian New Zealand
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Dear Sir / Madam,

Re. Application A1132 Broaden Definition of Steviol Glycosides (Intense Sweeteners)

The Australian Beverages Council is the peak body representing the collective interests of the non-alcoholic refreshment beverages industry. Our membership is comprised of multi-national companies, small and medium business making up over 95% of the non-alcoholic beverage industry's production volume in Australia.

It is understood that the purpose of Application A1132 is to expand the definition of steviol glycosides for use as an intense sweetener in the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code to include all steviol glycosides present in the *Stevia rebaudiana* Bertoni leaf.

The Beverages Council, acting on behalf of the non-alcoholic refreshment beverages industry in Australia, fully supports Application A1132 and FSANZ's conclusion that the proposed expansion of the definition of steviol glycosides does not pose any public health or safety concerns.

We thank FSANZ for the opportunity to provide this submission in support of Application A1132. If you wish to discuss any aspects of this correspondence contact me on +61 4 2624 8563 or melanie@ausbev.org.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melanie Pauga".

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