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Administrative Assessment Report – Application A1357

Steviol glycosides (rebaudioside M and rebaudioside D) produced by enzymatic conversion using enzymes produced by *Escherichia coli* BL21

1. Application details

Date received: 8 May 2026 **Date due for completion of administrative assessment:** 29 May 2026 **Date completed:** 26 May 2026		
Applicant: Adorvia Biotechnology Co., Ltd, a subsidiary of Abiochem Biotechnology Co., Ltd		**Potentially affected** Schedules 3 and 18
Brief description of application: To seek approval for rebaudioside M and rebaudioside D (steviol glycosides) produced by enzymatic conversion using enzymes derived from *Escherichia coli* BL21 (DE3)		
Procedure: General Level 1	**Maximum total variable hours:** 180 **Reasons why:** The application is seeking a pre-market safety assessment of an already permitted food additive, produced using different enzymes, requiring a safety assessment of minor complexity.	**Estimated start date for assessment:** June 2026

2. Decision

Application accepted **Decision Date**: 26 May 2026 **If fees for ECCB are not received, date of rejection:** 25 June 2026

Consultation & assessment timeframe

Proposed length of public consultation period: 6 weeks	
Proposed timeframe for assessment **Notification date:** 2 July 2026	
Commence assessment (clock start)	Mid-June 2026
Public comment	Early November 2026
Board to consider approval	March 2027
Notification to Food Ministers' Meeting (FMM)	Mid-April 2027
Anticipated gazettal if no review requested	Late May 2027