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**Submission from the Dietitians Association of Australia
to Food Standards Australia New Zealand**

A1034 – Advantame as a high intensity sweetener

The Dietitians Association of Australia (DAA) is the national association of the dietetic profession with over 4000 members, and branches in each state and territory. DAA is a leader in nutrition and advocates for better food, better health, and better living for all.

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The DAA understands that this application is to amend Standard 1.3.1 – Food Additives of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code (the Code) to approve the use of a new intense sweetener Advantame for use in a range of foods.

The DAA supports

- The approval of Advantame as an intense sweetener based on the evidence provided by FSANZ
- The general labelling requirements of the Code, including the mandatory declaration of food additives, will provide adequate information to consumers regarding foods containing Advantame. That is, it must be declared in the ingredient list by its class name 'sweetener' followed by its specific name 'Advantame'.

The DAA does not have a position on option 2A or 2B.