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Dear Sir/Madam

Application A1149 Addition of Steviol glycosides to fruit drinks – Call for Submissions

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application. The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has the following comments to make.

MPI supports the proposed broadening of permissions to use steviol glycosides to fruit drinks as an intense sweetener, noting that FSANZ concluded that there were no public health and safety issues associated with this use. While exposures were calculated to be 95% of the ADI at the 90th percentile or less, MPI believes it is likely that the estimated exposure is an over estimation of the actual exposure to steviol glycosides. Furthermore, the impact of permitting the use of steviol glycosides in fruit drinks on the dietary exposure is small; the estimated dietary exposures only increase by up to 5% of the ADI.

