SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 4(4)

Amendment to the Annex to Commission Regulation (EU) No 231/2012 for the authorisation of steviol glycosides from fermentation (*Yarrowia lipolytica*) (E 960b)

1. In the appropriate place, insert the following entry—

"E 960b STEVIOL GLYCOSIDES FROM FERMENTATION (YARROWIA LIPOLYTICA)

Synonyms					
Definition	mixture predomina some rebaudioside	Steviol glycosides from <i>Yarrowia lipolytica</i> consist of a mixture predominantly composed of rebaudioside M, with some rebaudioside D, and smaller amounts of rebaudioside A and rebaudioside B. The manufacturing process comprises two main phases.			
	The first phase involves fermentation of a non-toxigenic non-pathogenic strain of <i>Yarrowia lipolytica</i> VRM that has been genetically modified with heterologous genes to overexpress steviol glycosides. Removal of biomass by solid-liquid separation and heat treatment is followed by concentration of the steviol glycosides.				
	The second phase involves purification by employing ion-exchange chromatography, followed by recrystallisation of the steviol glycosides resulting in a final product containing not less than 95% of rebaudiosides M, D, A, and B.				
		Viable cells or the DNA of <i>Yarrowia lipolytica</i> VRM must not be detected in the food additive.			
Chemical name	Rebaudioside A: 13-[(2- <i>O</i> -β-D-glucopyranosyl-3- <i>O</i> -β-D-glucopyranosyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl)oxy]kaur-16-en-18-oic acid, β-D-glucopyranosyl ester				
	Rebaudioside B: 13-[(2- <i>O</i> -β–D-glucopyranosyl-3- <i>O</i> -β– D-glucopyranosyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl)oxy]kaur-16-en-18-oic acid				
	Rebaudioside D: 13-[(2- <i>O</i> -β-D-glucopyranosyl-3- <i>O</i> -β-D-glucopyranosyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl)oxy]kaur-16-en-18-oic acid, 2- <i>O</i> -β-D-glucopyranosyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl ester				
	Rebaudioside M: 13-[(2- <i>O</i> -β-D-glucopyranosyl-3- <i>O</i> -β-D-glucopyranosyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl)oxy]kaur-16-en-18-oic acid, 2- <i>O</i> -β-D-glucopyranosyl-3- <i>O</i> -β-D-glucopyranosyl-β-D-glucopyranosyl ester				
Molecular formula	Trivial name	Formula	Conversion factor		
	Rebaudioside A	C ₄₄ H ₇₀ O ₂₃	0.33		
	Rebaudioside B	C ₃₈ H ₆₀ O ₁₈	0.40		
	Rebaudioside D	C ₅₀ H ₈₀ O ₂₈	0.29		

Synonyms			
	Rebaudioside M	C ₅₆ H ₉₀ O ₃₃	0.25
Molecular weight and CAS N	Trivial name	CAS Number	Molecular weight (g/mol)
	Rebaudioside A	58543-16-1	967.01
	Rebaudioside B	58543-17-2	804.88
	Rebaudioside D	63279-13-0	1129.15
	Rebaudioside M	1220616-44-3	1291.29
Assay	Not less than 95 % of rebaudioside A, rebaudioside B, rebaudioside D and rebaudioside M on the dried basis		
Description	White to light yellow powder, approximately between 200 and 350 times sweeter than sucrose (at 5 % sucrose equivalency)		
Identification			
Solubility	Freely soluble to slightly soluble in water		
рН	Between 4.5 and 7.0 (1 in 100 solution)		
hPurity			
Total ash	Not more than 1 %		
Loss on drying	Not more than 6 % (105°C, 2h)		
Residual solvent	Not more than 5000 mg/kg ethanol		
Arsenic	Not more than 0.1 mg/kg		
Lead	Not more than 0.1 mg/kg		
Cadmium	Not more than 0.01 mg/kg		
Mercury	Not more than 0.05 mg/kg		
Residual protein	Not more than 20 mg/kg		
Microbiological criteria			
Total (aerobic) plate count	Not more than 1000 CFU/g		
Yeast	Not more than 100 CFU/g		
Moulds	Not more than 100 CFU/g		
Escherichia coli	Negative in 1g		
Salmonella spp.	Negative in 25g".		