

EverSweet stevia sweetener receives safety opinions from EFSA and FSA

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Avansya, the joint venture between Cargill and dsm-firmenich, announced that the EverSweet® stevia sweetener has received a positive safety opinion from both the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) and the UK Food Standards Agency (FSA), bringing the advanced sweetener one step closer to commercial availability in the European Union and the UK.

EverSweet® stevia sweetener brings to life the sweetest and cleanest tasting components of the stevia leaf – steviol glycosides Reb M and Reb D. It allows for a significant reduction in sugars while maintaining a high-quality sweet taste for reduced and zero-calorie food and beverages, enabling food manufacturers to meet the rising demand for healthful and sustainable products. EverSweet® is created through advanced fermentation methods, resulting in reduced water usage, minimal land use impact, and a lower carbon footprint than producing it by growing acres of plants.

Avansya has quantified the sweetener's environmental benefits through consecutive, third-party-verified life cycle assessments. Results showed that the sweetener has impressive sustainability advantages over sugar, with 96 per cent lower land-use-related impacts, 97 per cent less water usage and 81 per cent reduction in carbon footprint. Similar advantages were shown compared to bio-converted Reb M, with an 88 per cent reduction in land use-related impacts, 92 per cent lower water usage and a 76 per cent lower carbon footprint.