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Re: GRAS Notice No. GRN 000984

Dear Dr. Thompson:

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA, we) is granting the request on behalf of Hinoman Ltd. (Hinoman)¹ to cease our evaluation of GRN 000984, which we filed on April 23, 2021. We received this request on September 23, 2021.

The subject of the notice is *Wolffia globosa* for use as an ingredient in baked goods and baking mixes, beverages and beverage bases, breakfast cereals, condiments and relishes, gravies and sauces, dairy product analogs, milk products, processed fruit including juices and drinks, frozen dairy desserts and mixes, grain products and pasta, processed vegetable and vegetable juices, snack foods, soups and soup mixes (including meat and poultry²), and dressings at levels up to 5%. The notice informs us of Hinoman's view that these uses of *Wolffia globosa* are GRAS through scientific procedures.


In a telephone conversation on September 2, 2021, we spoke with representatives of Hinoman. Among the topics discussed with the Hinoman representatives was that of food versus food ingredient. Subsequent to this telephone conversation, in an email of September 9, 2021, we recommended that Hinoman request that we cease to evaluate GRN 000984 given the notice is a mix of intended uses/substance forms that fall within the Office of Food Additive Safety's (OFAS) regulatory purview and those that fall outside the regulatory purview of OFAS.

¹ Gavin Thompson of Ramboll US Consulting provided an update by email on March 11, 2021, informing us that Duncan Turnbull of Ramboll US Consulting is now retired. Given this update, we are corresponding with Gavin Thompson of Ramboll US Consulting on behalf of Hinoman Ltd.

² In response to an FSIS question about products under FSIS purview, we received an amendment on May 12, 2021, that describes the intended use as protein.

In accordance with 21 CFR 170.275(b)(3), the text of this letter responding to GRN 000984 is accessible to the public at www.fda.gov/grasnoticeinventory.

Sincerely,

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