GENERALLY RECOGNIZED AS SAFE (GRAS) NOTICE OF D-ALLULOSE (D-PSICOSE) AS A FOOD INGREDIENT



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PART 1. SIGNED STATEMENTS AND A CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to 21 C.F.R. Part 170, subpart E, SamYang Corp. submits a Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS) notice and claims that the use of D-allulose in foods, as described in Parts 2 through 7 of this GRAS notice, is not subject to the premarket approval requirements of the FD&C Act based on its conclusion that the substance is GRAS under the conditions of its intended use.

1.A. Name and Address of the Notifier

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1.B. Common or Trade Name

Common name is D-allulose, D-psicose, or pseudo-fructose.

1.C. Applicable Conditions of Use of the Notified Substance

1.C.1. Foods in Which the Substance is to be Used

Intended use and use levels of Samyang Corp.'s D-allulose have been adopted from GRN 498 and GRN 400. SamYang Corp. proposes to use D-allulose as a sugar substitute in selected low calorie, reduced calorie, or sugar-free foods including bakery products; beverages; cereals; chewing gums; confections and frostings; frozen dairy desserts; yogurt and frozen yogurt; dressings for salads; gelatins, pudding and fillings; hard and soft candies; jams and jellies; sugar; sugar substitutes; sweet sauces and syrups and fat based creams. Please note that Samyang Corp. has adopted the intended use and use levels mostly from GRN 498 and have added the food categories which are not included in GRN 498, but in GRN 400. Samyang Corp. does not intend to use D-allulose as a component of infant formula or in foods under the USDA's jurisdiction such as meat, poultry, and egg products.

1.C.2. Levels of Use in Such Foods

As shown in Table 1, SamYang Corp. proposes to use D-allulose as a sugar substitute in food applications at use levels ranging from 2 to 100%.

Table 1. Intended Use and Maximum Use Levels of D-allulose, % (w/w)

| | Maximum use |
|---|-----------------|
| Food category | levels, % (w/w) |
| Bakery products (rolls, cakes, pastries, cakes, low calorie or dietetics) | 10-100 |
| Beverages (non-alcoholic), low calorie, reduced calorie, sugar-free | 3.5 |
| Cereals, regular | 2 |
| Cereals, low calorie, reduced calorie, sugar-free | 5 |
| Chewing gum | 50 |
| Confections and frostings | 5 |
| Frozen dairy desserts (ice cream, soft serve, sorbet), low calorie, reduced | 5 |
| calorie, sugar-free | |

| Yogurt and frozen yogurt, low calorie, reduced calorie, sugar-free | 5 |
|--|-----|
| Dressings for salads | 5 |
| Gelatins, pudding and fillings, low calorie, reduced calorie, sugar-free | 10 |
| Hard Candies, low calorie, reduced calorie, sugar-free | 50 |
| Soft Candies, low calorie, reduced calorie, sugar-free | 25 |
| Jams and jellies | 10 |
| Sugar | 10 |
| Sugar substitutes | 100 |
| Sweet sauces and syrups, low calorie, reduced calorie, sugar-free | 10 |
| Fat based cream (used in modified fat/calorie cookies, cakes, pastries, | 5 |
| and pie) | |

1.C.3. Purpose for Which the Substance is Used

The substance will be used as a sugar substitute.

1.C.4. Description of the Population Expected to Consume the Substance

The population expected to consume the substance consists of members of general population who consume at least one of the products described above.

1.D. Basis for the GRAS Determination: Through scientific procedures.

1.E. Availability of Information

The data and information that serve as the basis for this GRAS determination will be sent to the FDA upon request, or are available for the FDA's review and copying at reasonable times at the office of NutraSource, Inc.

1.F. Availability of FOIA Exemption

None of the data and information in Parts 2 through 7 of this GRAS notice are exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. §552.

1.G. Certification

We certify that, to the best of our knowledge, our GRAS notice is a complete, representative, and balanced submission that includes unfavorable information, as well as favorable information, available and pertinent to the evaluation of the safety and GRAS status of the use of the substance

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PART 2. THE IDENTITY, METHOD OF MANUFACTURE, SPECIFICATIONS, AND PHYSICAL OR TECHNICAL EFFECT OF THE NOTIFIED SUBSTANCE.

A. Scientific Information About the Identity of a Notified Substance

2.A.1. Scientific Information Sufficient To Identify a Biological Source

D-allulose is a monosaccharide, an epimer of D-fructose isomerized at C-3 (Karabinos, 1952). D-allulose has 70% of the sweetness of sucrose and has a higher solubility that makes it easy to use for food processing. Based on the results of the plot of breath hydrogen concentration vs. calories ingested, the energy value of D-allulose was predicted to be less than 0.2 kcal/g (Iida et al., 2010). Thus, it belongs to the non-digestible carbohydrate category. It is odorless, white or almost white, and non-hygroscopic. D-allulose is a naturally occurring monosaccharide present in small quantities in food products.

Standards of Identity

In the notice, Samyang Corp. states its intention to use D-allulose in several food categories, including foods for which standards of identity exist, located in Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations. We note that an ingredient that is lawfully added to food products may be used in a standardized food only if it is permitted by the applicable standard of identity.

Chemistry, Physicochemical Properties, and Structure

Chemical name is D-ribo-2-ketohexose

MW=180.16

Molecular formula: C₆H₁₂O₆

CAS Registry ID: 551-68-8

Chemical structure of D-allulose is shown in Figure 1.



Figure 1. Chemical Structure of D-allulose

2.A.2. Potential Toxicants in the Source of the Notified Substance

No toxicant production is expected in the manufacture of allulose. The final product is highly purified through several steps during production. Further, the enzymatic conversion of D-fructose to D-allulose is an enzymatic reaction that occurs in nature, with no known toxicant production.

2.A.3. Particle Size

NLT 90% pass 40 mesh.

2.B. Method of Manufacture

D-allulose is manufactured from fructose in aqueous solution by enzymatic epimerization in the presence of magnesium chloride. The enzyme used is an immobilized D-allulose-3-epimerase, which converts fructose to D-allulose. Compared to those described in previous GRAS notices, SamYang Corp. employs a unique immobilized enzyme system described below. The enzyme system has been proven safe.

Differences in enzyme systems described in various GRNs

Current notice - SamYang Corp.

The neutralized fructose syrup is passed into an immobilized cell system (calcium alginate gel bead with recombinant *Corynebacterium glutamicum* [non-viable cell] harboring D-allulose 3-epimerase [DPE] from *Clostridium scindens*). The fructose then is converted to D-allulose at 50°C.

GRN 400 - CJ CheilJedang

An immobilized cell system (calcium alginate gel bead with *Corynebacterium glutamicum* [non-viable cell] harboring D-psicose 3-epimerase [DPE] originated from *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*).

GRN 498 - Matsutani

D-psicose 3-epimerase (DPE) is extracted from *Escherichia coli* (K12) [non-viable cell] or *Streptomyces violaceoruber* harboring DPE that originated from *Arthrobacter globiformis or Arthrobacter globiformis* itself.

SamYang's Manufacturing process

- 1. The fructose syrup (≥75% solids concentration) is diluted with clean water (>50% solids concentration) in a reception tank and then stored in a stock tank.
- 2. The neutralized fructose syrup is passed into an immobilized cell system (calcium alginate gel bead with recombinant *Corynebacterium glutamicum* [non-viable cell] harboring D-allulose 3-epimerase [DPE] from *Clostridium scindens*). The fructose then is converted to D-allulose at 50°C.
- 3. For decolorization and desalting, the D-allulose solution is mixed with active carbon in a stirred tank reactor. The liquid undergoes pressure filtration to clarify it, and it is treated through an ion exchange process (i.e., a cation column with strongly acidic cationic exchange resin; an anion column with intermediate basic anion exchange resin; and a mixed bed column that has a combination of both strongly acidic and strongly basic resins) to remove any impurities (e.g. calcium, manganese, chloride, and other ionic components, including amino acids, peptides, and proteins).
- 4. Following ion exchange purification, the D-allulose solution is concentrated with an evaporator to produce syrup (Product 1-Allulose syrup, ≥20% on a dry weight basis).
- 5. This concentrated syrup is pumped into a separation chromatography system to separate D-allulose from other sugars (i.e., fructose).
- 6. Using an evaporator, the solution is concentrated to the final density of ≥65 °Bx to produce syrup (Product 2 or 3- D-allulose syrup, ≥50% or ≥90% on a dry weight basis).

- 7. The final concentrated product is pumped into a batch continuous crystallizer.
- 8. The crystalline D-allulose (Product 4 ≥98% D-allulose) is separated by basket centrifugation, washed by spraying distilled water, and finally dried in a rotary dryer.

Quality assurance procedure:

Samyang Corp.'s D-allulose is manufactured under current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMP) using common food industry materials and processes. Samyang Corp. utilizes a Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP)-controlled manufacturing process and rigorously tests its final production batches to verify adherence to quality control specifications. All processing aids used in the manufacturing process are food grades. D-allulose is manufactured under cGMP using common food industry materials and processes in accordance with the applicable parts of 21 CFR, part 110 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Process tanks and lines are cleaned with sodium hydroxide and hydrogen peroxide following standard procedures common to the dairy industry. The ion exchange resins used in the manufacturing process are food grade and comply with 21 CFR 173.25. A flow diagram of the manufacturing process is presented in Figure 2.

Safety of enzymes:

The enzyme utilized is non-toxicological and non-pathogenic. An acute toxicity study showed that a single dose of 2 g/kg bw did not cause any treatment-related abnormalities in Sprague-Dawley rats. The LD₅₀ was determined to be far above 2 g/kg bw.

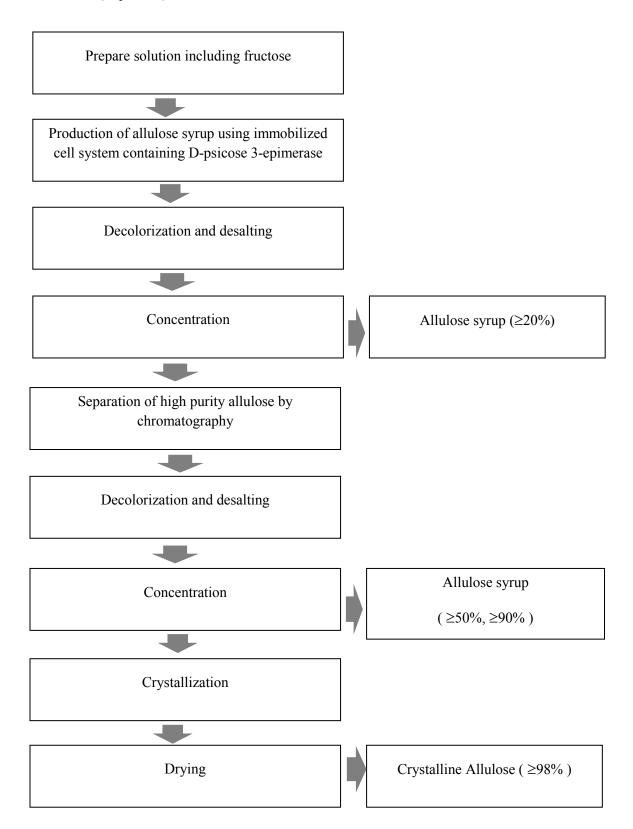


Figure 2. Flow Diagram of Manufacturing Process

2.C. Specifications of D-allulose

As shown in Tables 2-1 to 2-3 and 3-1 to 3-4, the only differences in composition and specification are found in the concentrations of D-allulose, excipients (glucose, fructose and dextrin) and moisture. Specifications for microbial and heavy metal content are the same for powder and liquid forms.

Table 2-1. Composition of Product 1

| Composition | Specification | Analytical Method |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Appearance | Clear yellow liquid | Visual |
| Odor | No odor | |
| D-allulose*, %, wt/wt | 20~25 | HPLC |
| D-fructose* | 68~73 | HPLC |
| D-glucose* | 4~6 | HPLC |
| Dextrin* (DS2~4) | 1~3 | HPLC |
| Protein | ND | AOAC 945.23 |
| Fat | ND | AOAC 996.06 |
| Moisture, %, wt/wt | ≤35 | AOAC 941.14 |
| Brix | ≥65 | Brix meter |
| pH | 3.0 - 7.0 | pH meter |
| Ash, %, wt/wt | ≤0.5 | AOAC 900.02 |
| Pb, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| As, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Cd, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Total plate count, CFU/g | ≤1,000 | AOAC 2002.07 |
| Coliforms | negative | AOAC 991.14 |
| Salmonella | negative | AOAC 989.14 |
| Staphylococcus aureus | negative | AOAC 987.09 |

^{*}Dry wt. basis; D-Allulose + D-Fructose = 93%; D-glucose + Dextrin = 7%; CFU=colony forming units; ND=not detected.

Table 2-2. Composition of Product 2

| Composition | Specification | Analytical Method |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Appearance | Clear yellow liquid | Visual |
| Odor | No odor | |
| D-allulose*, %, wt/wt | 50~55 | HPLC |
| D-fructose* | 40~45 | HPLC |
| D-glucose* | 1.5~4.0 | HPLC |
| Dextrin* (DS2~4) | 1.0~3.5 | HPLC |
| Protein | - | AOAC 945.23 |
| Fat | - | AOAC 996.06 |
| Moisture, %, wt/wt | ≤35 | AOAC 941.14 |
| Brix | ≥65 | Brix meter |
| рН | 3.0 - 7.0 | pH meter |

| Ash, %, wt/wt | ≤0.5 | AOAC 900.02 |
|--------------------------|----------|--------------|
| Pb, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| As, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Cd, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Total plate count, CFU/g | ≤1,000 | AOAC 2002.07 |
| Coliforms | negative | AOAC 991.14 |
| Salmonella | negative | AOAC 989.14 |
| Staphylococcus aureus | negative | AOAC 987.09 |

^{*}Dry wt. basis; D-Allulose + D-Fructose = 95%; D-glucose + Dextrin = 5%; CFU=colony forming units; ND=not detected.

Table 2-3. Composition of Product 3

| Composition | Specification | Analytical Method |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Appearance | Clear yellow liquid | Visual |
| Odor | No odor | |
| D-allulose*, %, wt/wt | ≥90 | HPLC |
| Protein | ND | AOAC 945.23 |
| Fat | ND | AOAC 996.06 |
| Moisture | ≤35 | AOAC 941.14 |
| Brix | ≥65 | Brix meter |
| pH | 3.0 - 7.0 | pH meter |
| Ash, %, wt/wt | ≤0.5 | AOAC 900.02 |
| Pb, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| As, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Cd, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Total plate count, CFU/g | ≤1,000 | AOAC 2002.07 |
| Coliforms | negative | AOAC 991.14 |
| Salmonella | negative | AOAC 989.14 |
| Staphylococcus aureus | negative | AOAC 987.09 |

^{*}Dry wt. basis; CFU=colony forming units; ND=not detected.

Table 3-1. Specifications of Product 1 (D-allulose Syrup)

| Composition | Specification | Analytical Method |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Appearance | Clear yellow liquid | Visual |
| Odor | No odor | |
| D-allulose*, %, wt/wt | ≥20 | HPLC |
| Moisture, %, wt/wt | ≤35 | AOAC 941.14 |
| Brix | ≥65 | Brix meter |
| pH | 3.0 - 7.0 | pH meter |
| Ash, %, wt/wt | ≤0.5 | AOAC 900.02 |
| Pb, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| As, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |

| Cd, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
|--------------------------|----------|--------------|
| Total plate count, CFU/g | ≤1,000 | AOAC 2002.07 |
| Coliforms | negative | AOAC 991.14 |
| Salmonella | negative | AOAC 989.14 |
| Staphylococcus aureus | negative | AOAC 987.09 |

^{*}Dry wt. basis; CFU=colony forming units.

Table 3-2. Specifications of Product 2 (D-allulose Syrup)

| Composition | Specification | Analytical Method |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Appearance | Clear yellow liquid | Visual |
| Odor | No odor | |
| D-allulose*, %, wt/wt | ≥50 | HPLC |
| Moisture, %, wt/wt | ≤35 | AOAC 941.14 |
| Brix | ≥65 | Brix meter |
| pH | 3.0 - 7.0 | pH meter |
| Ash, %, wt/wt | ≤0.5 | AOAC 900.02 |
| Pb, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| As, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Cd, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Total plate count, CFU/g | ≤1,000 | AOAC 2002.07 |
| Coliforms | negative | AOAC 991.14 |
| Salmonella | negative | AOAC 989.14 |
| Staphylococcus aureus | negative | AOAC 987.09 |

^{*}Dry wt. basis; CFU=colony forming units.

Table 3-3. Specifications of Product 3 (D-allulose Syrup)

| Composition | Specification | Analytical Method |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Appearance | Clear yellow liquid | Visual |
| Odor | No odor | |
| D-allulose*, %, wt/wt | ≥90 | HPLC |
| Moisture | ≤35 | AOAC 941.14 |
| Brix | ≥65 | Brix meter |
| pH | 3.0 - 7.0 | pH meter |
| Ash, %, wt/wt | ≤0.5 | AOAC 900.02 |
| Pb, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| As, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Cd, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Total plate count, CFU/g | ≤1,000 | AOAC 2002.07 |
| Coliforms | negative | AOAC 991.14 |
| Salmonella | negative | AOAC 989.14 |
| Staphylococcus aureus | negative | AOAC 987.09 |

^{*}Dry wt. basis; CFU=colony forming units.

Table 3-4. Specifications of Product 4 (Crystalline D-allulose, ≥98%)

| Composition | Specification | Analytical Method |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Appearance | Powder | Visual |
| Odor | No odor | |
| D-allulose*, %, wt/wt | ≥98 | HPLC |
| Moisture, %, wt/wt | ≤2 | AOAC 941.14 |
| pН | 3.0 - 7.0 | pH meter |
| Ash, %, wt/wt | ≤0.1 | AOAC 900.02 |
| Pb, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| As, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Cd, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Total plate count, CFU/g | ≤1,000 | AOAC 2002.07 |
| Coliforms | negative | AOAC 991.14 |
| Salmonella | negative | AOAC 989.14 |
| Staphylococcus aureus | negative | AOAC 987.09 |

^{*}Dry wt. basis; CFU=colony forming units.

PART 3. DIETARY EXPOSURE

3.A. Food Sources of D-allulose

As shown in Table 4, D-allulose is a naturally occurring monosaccharide present in small quantities in food products, particularly in selected bakery products, sweets, and fruits (Oshima et al., 2006).

Table 4. D-allulose content in foods (adopted from Oshima et al., 2006)

| Item | mg/100 g food |
|--|---------------|
| Bakery products | |
| Sponge cake | 11.0 |
| Corn-snack | 47.0 |
| Rice cracker | 27.3 |
| Cookie | 26.7 |
| Brown sugar drop | 76.5 |
| Fried dough cake | 95.6 |
| Chocolate-chip cookie | 6.4 |
| Cereal | 2.2 |
| Dishes | |
| Fish broiled with soy | 39.1 |
| Simmered dishes of dried radish strips | 8.1 |
| Fermented soybeans | 7.8 |
| Seasonings and beverages | |
| Caramel sauce | 83.0 |
| Brown sugar | 71.1 |
| Meat sauce | 15.8 |
| Demiglace | 16.3 |
| Maple syrup | 57.9 |
| Ketchup | 39.8 |
| Worcester sauce | 130.6 |
| Coke | 38.3 |
| Coffee | 0.5 |
| Fruit juice | 21.5 |
| Tomato juice | 2.4 |
| Fruits | |
| Dried fig | 29.6 |
| Dried kiwi fruit | 9.4 |
| Raisin | 38.7 |
| Canned peaches | 1.5 |
| Can of mandarin oranges | 8.4 |
| Canned cherries | 2.0 |

3.B. Estimated Daily Intakes (EDIs) of Naturally Occurring D-allulose from the Diet

The D-allulose level in each food is not listed in the USDA food composition tables or the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) databases. Using the dietary content of D-allulose available from the studies of Oshima et al. (2006; Table 3), the EDIs from the diet were estimated. The mean and 90th percentile EDIs of users are 94.8 and 260.7 mg D-allulose/person/day. These values are comparable to the EDI value of 206 mg/person/day, which was reported by Oshima et al. (2006) by assuming a daily diet consisting of fruit cereal, fruit juice, Bolognese spaghetti, crème caramel, coke, hamburger, and fruit cocktail.

Table 5-1. Intake of Naturally Occurring Allulose from the Diet (All Users)

| Age, y | N | | mg/person/day | | | mg/kg bw/day | | | | Body wt., kg | |
|-----------|------|-------|---------------|-------|------|--------------|------|------|------|--------------|-----|
| | | Mean | SE | P 90 | SE | Mean | SE | P 90 | SE | Mean | SE |
| All gende | r | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1-99 y | 8126 | 94.8 | 2.5 | 260.7 | 12.2 | 1.46 | 0.04 | 3.97 | 0.12 | 72.0 | 0.4 |
| 1-6 y | 1155 | 47.0 | 2.3 | 117.1 | 10.7 | 2.86 | 0.16 | 6.93 | 0.55 | 17.6 | 0.2 |
| 7-12 y | 1074 | 55.2 | 3.3 | 141.0 | 3.4 | 1.54 | 0.09 | 3.66 | 0.26 | 40.5 | 0.8 |
| 13-19 y | 1009 | 99.8 | 6.7 | 271.6 | 10.8 | 1.53 | 0.11 | 4.36 | 0.30 | 67.7 | 1.2 |
| 20+ y | 4800 | 104.0 | 3.0 | 283.2 | 11.7 | 1.28 | 0.04 | 3.52 | 0.16 | 81.9 | 0.5 |
| Males | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13-19 y | 514 | 103.8 | 11.0 | 284.0 | 16.6 | 1.53 | 0.15 | 4.44 | 0.39 | 72.5 | 1.2 |
| 20+ y | 2393 | 120.7 | 6.0 | 295.8 | 22.5 | 1.39 | 0.07 | 3.89 | 0.20 | 88.3 | 0.6 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13-19 y | 495 | 95.2 | 14.3 | 225.2 | 34.7 | 1.52 | 0.22 | 4.06 | 0.77 | 62.5 | 1.5 |
| 20+ y | 2407 | 88.2 | 3.8 | 258.9 | 14.8 | 1.18 | 0.04 | 3.26 | 0.17 | 75.8 | 0.6 |

BW=body weight; P90=90th percentile; Based on NHANES 2011-2014.

Table 5-2. Intake of Naturally Occurring Allulose from the Diet (Total Population)

| Age, y | N | mg/person/day | | | mg/kg bw/day | | | • | Body wt., kg | | |
|------------|------|---------------|------|--------|--------------|------|------|------|--------------|------|-----|
| | | Mean | SE | P 90 | SE | Mean | SE | P 90 | SE | Mean | SE |
| All gender | r | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1-99 y | 8126 | 84.5 | 2.3 | 233.8 | 14.9 | 1.30 | 0.04 | 3.69 | 0.15 | 72.0 | 0.4 |
| 1-6 y | 1243 | 44.4 | 2.2 | 116.31 | 10.8 | 2.71 | 0.15 | 6.89 | 0.56 | 17.6 | 0.2 |
| 7-12 y | 1074 | 48.8 | 3.0 | 136.0 | 4.8 | 1.36 | 0.08 | 3.45 | 0.13 | 40.5 | 0.8 |
| 13-19 y | 1009 | 82.6 | 9.4 | 245.5 | 19.8 | 1.27 | 0.12 | 3.89 | 0.30 | 67.7 | 1.2 |
| 20+ y | 4800 | 92.9 | 2.8 | 274.2 | 12.2 | 1.15 | 0.03 | 3.30 | 0.17 | 81.9 | 0.5 |
| Males | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13-19 y | 514 | 89.9 | 9.8 | 280.0 | 13.9 | 1.33 | 0.13 | 4.40 | 0.48 | 72.5 | 1.2 |
| 20+ y | 2393 | 107.5 | 5.1 | 285.4 | 17.0 | 1.24 | 0.06 | 3.59 | 0.24 | 88.3 | 0.6 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13-19 y | 495 | 74.9 | 12.4 | 198.6 | 22.4 | 1.20 | 0.21 | 3.39 | 0.79 | 62.5 | 1.5 |
| 20+ y | 2407 | 79.1 | 3.5 | 216.1 | 13.6 | 1.06 | 0.04 | 3.00 | 0.13 | 75.8 | 0.6 |

BW=body weight; P90=90th percentile; Based on NHANES 2011-2014.

3.C. Exposure Estimates Under the Intended Use

3.C.1. EDI of D-allulose Under the Intended Use

The intended use of D-allulose is in the same food products and at levels proportional to those mentioned in the GRN 498 and GRN 400. The results of the EDI assessment are summarized in the two tables below (Tables 6-1 and 6-2). The first table presents the results of the mean of the population as well as the 90th percentile in g/day, and the second in g/kg bw/day (Table 6-1). Since intended use and use levels combined those described in GRN 498 and 400, the EDIs in this GRAS determination are estimated to be slightly higher than those described in the two GRAS notices. However, EDIs presented in this GRAS notice are within the safe intake levels. These results reveal an average maximum exposure would occur in males greater than 19 years of age, with a 90th percentile value of 36.3 g/day or 0.39 g/kg bw/day. On a body weight basis, children aged 2-12 years had shown the highest 90th percentile EDI at 0.50 g/kg bw/day. All subpopulation groups had the EDIs equal to or below 0.5 g/kg bw/day. The toxicity data reveals an LD₅₀ of 15.8-16.3 g/kg bw, indicating that even at the highest exposure, D-allulose is not a safety risk.

These estimates are highly amplified since it is not likely that D-allulose will be used at maximum levels for all food categories under the intended uses. Also, food wastes should be considered. Overall, intended use will result in EDIs at levels significantly below those associated with any potential side effects.

Table 6-1. Maximum EDIs of D-allulose, g/day * (Assuming All the Foods will be Used at the Maximum Use Levels)

| | | Per User (g/day) | | Per Cap | ita (g/day) |
|---------------------|---------|------------------|------------------|---------|------------------|
| | | | 90 th | | 90 th |
| Population | N-user* | Mean | Percentile | Mean | Percentile |
| U.S. 2+ y | 13,455 | 11.0 | 30.0 | 8.6 | 24.8 |
| Infants < 2 y | 536 | 0.8 | 2.6 | 1.7 | 4.1 |
| Children 2-12 y | 3,223 | 5.2 | 14.2 | 4.1 | 12.0 |
| Adolescents 13-18 y | 1,283 | 7.6 | 16.7 | 5.1 | 14.6 |
| Males 19+ y | 4,178 | 13.0 | 36.3 | 9.8 | 29.0 |
| Females 19+ y | 4,771 | 12.7 | 32.6 | 10.0 | 29.3 |

^{*} Based on NHANES 2007-10. U.S.= United States

Table 6-2. Maximum EDIs of D-allulose, g/kg bw/day (Assuming All the Foods will be Used at the Maximum Use Levels) NHANES 2007-10

| | | Per User | | Per Capita | | |
|---------------------|---------|----------|------------------|------------|--------------------|--|
| | | (g/kg b | ow/day) | (g/kg) | bw/day) | |
| | | | 90 th | | 90^{th} | |
| Population | N-user* | Mean | Percentile | Mean | Percentile | |
| US 2+ y | 13,455 | 0.16 | 0.42 | 0.12 | 0.35 | |
| Infants < 2 y | 536 | 0.08 | 0.24 | 0.15 | 0.42 | |
| Children 2-12 y | 3,223 | 0.19 | 0.50 | 0.15 | 0.42 | |
| Adolescents 13-18 y | 1,283 | 0.12 | 0.29 | 0.08 | 0.24 | |
| Males 19+ y | 4,178 | 0.14 | 0.39 | 0.11 | 0.31 | |
| Females 19+ y | 4,771 | 0.16 | 0.44 | 0.13 | 0.38 | |

^{*} Based on NHANES 2007-2010. BW=body weight.

3.C.2. EDI of Other Components Under the Intended Use

Two D-allulose syrup products (Products 1 and 2) contain other nutrients such as fructose and glucose. Glucose is subjected to 21CFR 184.1277and 168.120. Fructose (in the form of high fructose corn syrup) is subjected to 21CFR 184.1866. Thus, we have not calculated the EDIs of these nutrients from the diet.

PART 4. SELF-LIMITING LEVELS OF USE

No known self-limiting levels of use are associated with the D-allulose ingredient.

PART 5. THE HISTORY OF CONSUMPTION OF THE SUBSTANCE FOR FOOD USE BY A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF CONSUMERS (OR ANIMALS IN THE CASE OF ANIMAL FOOD) PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1958.

Not applicable.

PART 6. BASIS FOR OUR CONCLUSION OF GRAS STATUS

6.A. Current Regulatory Status

The FDA has received two GRAS notices related to food uses of D-allulose (GRN 400 submitted by CJ CheilJedang, Inc., 2011; GRN 498 submitted by Matsutani Chemical, 2014). In these GRAS notices, toxicity-related studies on D-allulose from the literature were presented that support the safety of use of D-allulose. The FDA did not question the acceptability and suitability of these studies to establish the safety of D-allulose for the proposed food uses. The FDA did not have questions on the summary of safety, concluding that D-allulose intake of less than 0.5 g/kg bw/day is safe. Table 4 summarizes previous GRAS notices and the current notice for D-allulose.

Table 7. Summary of Previous and the Current GRAS Notices

| GRN | Company | Intended use | EDI, 90 th pctl for all users |
|----------------|-------------------|--|--|
| 400 | CJ CehilJedang | As a sugar substitute in dietetic or low calorie bakery products, chewing gums, fat-based cream used in modified fat/calorie cookies, cakes and pastries, low calorie hard candies including pressed candy and mints, low calorie frozen dairy desserts, low calorie carbonated beverages, reduced and low calorie non-carbonated beverages, sugar substitutes, low calorie yogurt, medical foods, ready-to-eat cereals (<5% sugar), and coffee mix. | 28.5 g/person/day or 0.36 g/kg bw/day |
| 498 | Matsutani | As a sugar substitute in food applications at use levels ranging from 2 to 100%. | 24.8 g/person/day or 0.33 g/kg bw/day |
| Present notice | Samyang Corp. | As a sugar substitute in food applications at use levels ranging from 2 to 100%. | 30 g/person/day or 0.42 g/kg bw/day |

bw= body weight; GRAS= generally recognized as safe; pctl=percentile.

The pertinent information is available as indicated below:

GRN 400: http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/fdcc/index.cfm?set=GRASNotices&id=400 (page).

GRN 498: http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/fdcc/index.cfm?set=GRASNotices&id=498 (page).

6.B. Intended Technical Effects

D-allulose will be used as a food ingredient for low calorie and/or dietetic foods due to its technological properties (e.g., functions as a sweetener, humectant, and flavor modifier) and nutritional benefits (such as low calorie and glycemic control).

6.C. Review of Safety Data

As noted above, the FDA has had no question on two GRAS notices related to food uses of D-allulose. The FDA did not have questions on the summary of safety concluding that D-allulose intake up to 0.5 - 0.6 g/kg bw/day is safe. Since the specifications for the liquid and powder forms of D-allulose in this notice are similar to those described in GRN 400 and 498, the metabolism and safety data and other pertinent information discussed in GRN 400 and 498 are applicable to the safety of D-allulose in this GRAS notice. The information is hereby incorporated by reference in these documents and will not be discussed in detail.

Since the FDA's review of GRNs 400 and 498 (GRN 400, FDA, 2012; GRN 498, FDA, 2014), five animal studies were published; one metabolism (Tsukamoto et al., 2014) and four efficacy studies (Hossain et al., 2015; Itoh et al., 2015; Nagata et al., 2015; Ochiai et al., 2014). Findings from these studies were not inconsistent with the agency's prior decision.

6.C.1. Metabolism

A study published since the FDA's decision of 2014 confirmed the previous findings that D-allulose was rapidly excreted through urine (Tsukamoto et al., 2014). Following oral administration, D-allulose is partly absorbed in the digestive tract and enters the bloodstream. The maximum blood concentration (48.5 \pm 15.6 µg/g) was observed at 1 hour. Excretion via urine was 20% within 1 hour and 33% within 2 hours (Tsukamoto et al., 2014). Accumulation in organs was detected only in the liver. Following intravenous administration, blood concentration of D-allulose was decreased with the half-life of 57 minutes, and the excretion via urine reached almost 50% within 1 hour. Seven days after the single-dose oral administration, the remaining amounts in the whole body was less than 1%.

Previously reviewed studies reported that about 98% of intravenously administered D-allulose is excreted in the urine within 6 h (Whistler et al., 1974). When orally ingested, urinary excretion of unchanged D-allulose ranged from 11 to 25% (Matsuo et al., 2003). The data indicate that D-allulose absorbed in the small intestine may pass into the bloodstream and be excreted in the urine without being significantly metabolized (Matsuo et al., 2003). Unabsorbed D-allulose is fermented to short chain fatty acids (SCFA) by intestinal microflora in the colon (Noda and Oh, 1992) or is excreted in the feces (Matsuo et al., 2004).

6.C.2. Animal Toxicity Studies

Since the FDA's last review of D-allulose in 2012-2014 (GRNs 400 and 498; U.S. FDA, 2012 and 2014, respectively), one new paper has been published (Nishii et al., 2016a). This study reported that a single oral dose of 1 or 4 g/kg bw did not cause any treatment-related abnormalities in dogs. All dogs were active and had a good appetite throughout the study period. Blood glucose concentration slightly decreased without a rise in plasma insulin concentration 2 h after D-allulose administration. Plasma alkaline phosphatase activities showed a mild increase

between 12 and 48 h after D-allulose administration. These data suggested that a single oral dose of D-allulose does not show severe toxicity in dogs.

Previous reviews included the LD₅₀ value of D-allulose in rats at 15.8-16.3 g/kg bw (Matsuo et al., 2002). Subacute toxicity studies (up to 34 days) in rats showed that D-allulose concentration of up to 20% of the diet did not show adverse effects (Table 4; Matsuo et al., 2002).

A 90 day subchronic toxicity study reported the no observed adverse effect level (NOAEL) for D-allulose as 3% of diet, the highest level tested (Matsuo et al., 2012). A 12-18 month chronic toxicity study showed that D-allulose at the dose of 3% D-allulose in the diet (or 1,280 mg/kg bw/day), the highest level tested, did not show adverse effects (Yagi and Matsuo, 2009).

In summary, D-allulose, like other monosaccharides, belongs to the group that has the lowest toxicity rating and is classified as an ordinary carbohydrate substance. Thus, the use of D-allulose in foods and beverages is not expected to pose a safety concern.

Table 8. Summary of Animal Toxicity Studies Referenced in GRNs 400 and 498

| Species | Dosage | Duration | Primary endpoints and NOAEL | Reference |
|-------------------------|---|-----------------|--|--------------------------|
| Dogs | 1 and 4 g/kg bw | Single dose | Acute toxicity-food intake and selected clinical chemistry | Nishii et al., 2016a |
| Male rats | 8, 11, 14, 17, and 20 g/kg bw (D- allulose in water) | Single dose | Acute toxicity- LD ₅₀ , 16.3 g/kg bw | Matsuo et al., 2002 |
| Young rats | 10, 20, 30, and 40% in the diet | 34 days | Feed intake, wt. gain, and organ wt.; NOAEL-up to 20% in the diet (corresponding to 10,000 mg/kg bw/day) | Matsuo et al., 2002 |
| Male Wistar rats | 3% in the diet | 90 days | Feed intake, wt gain, organ wt., serum biochemistry, hematology, and histology; NOAEL- 3% in diet, the highest level tested | Matsuo et al., 2012 |
| 36 Male rats, Wistar | 3% in the diet or 1,280 mg/kg bw/d (control, 3% sucrose) | 12-18 months | Feed and energy intakes, wt. gain, organ wt., digestive tract size, serum biochemistry, hematology, and histology; NOAEL- 1,280 mg/kg bw/day, the highest level tested | Yagi and Matsuo, 2009 |

bw= body weight; NOAEL= no observed adverse effect level; wt= weight.

6.C.3. Animal Efficacy Studies Reporting No Adverse Effects of D-allulose

Since the FDA's last review of D-allulose (GRNs 400 and 498; U.S. FDA, 2012 and 2014, respectively), six animal efficacy studies were published based on the repeat dose

administration of D-allulose at high dietary concentrations for long durations (Table 6; Han et al., 2016; Hossain et al., 2015; Itoh et al., 2015; Nagata et al., 2015; Nishii et al., 2016b; Ochiai et al., 2014). No studies reported results inconsistent with the FDA's prior reviews of 2012-2014. Although these studies were designed to investigate the efficacy of D-allulose on various health parameters, several safety related endpoints were obtained during the experiments. Therefore, these studies are reviewed below as additional supporting information.

Recent efficacy studies showed that D-allulose at the level of up to 5% in the diet (corresponding to up to 2,500 mg/kg bw/day) did not cause any adverse effects on food efficiency, glucose metabolism, lipid metabolism, inflammatory biomarkers, body fat accumulation, and/or histopatholgical parameters (Han et al., 2016; Hossain et al., 2015; Itoh et al., 2015; Nagata et al., 2015; Nishi et al., 2016 b; Ochiai et al., 2014).

Nishii et al. (2016b) reported that oral administration of D-allulose (0.2 g/kg bw) decreased plasma glucose concentrations after oral glucose or maltose administration, with a diminished plasma insulin rise in dogs. However, D-allulose showed no effect on plasma glucose and insulin concentrations after feeding. The data suggest that D-allulose administration may be beneficial in dogs with impaired glucose tolerance.

In a study by Han et al. (2016), mice were fed a high fat diet with or without various sugar substitutes (d-glucose, d-fructose, erytritol, or D-allulose, n=10 per group) for 16 wk. Body weight and fat-pad mass in the D-allulose group were dramatically lowered to that of the normal group with a simultaneous decrease in plasma leptin and resistin concentrations. D-allulose lowered plasma and hepatic lipids while elevating fecal lipids. In the liver, activities of both fatty acid synthase and β -oxidation were downregulated by D-allulose to that of the normal group; however, in white adipose tissue (WAT), fatty acid synthase was decreased while β -oxidation activity was enhanced. No adverse effects of D-allulose were reported.

Long-term administration (60 weeks) of D-allulose at a dose of 5% of the diet prevented the commencement and progression of type 2 diabetes through the maintenance of blood glucose levels and the control of postprandial hyperglycemia with decreased levels of HbA_{1c} (by ~50%) in comparison to control rats (Hossain et al., 2015). This improvement in glycemic control was accompanied by the maintenance of plasma insulin levels and the preservation of pancreatic β -cells with a significant reduction in inflammatory markers. In the control group, the glucose levels started to increase slowly from 25 weeks and then sharply until 60 weeks, whereas in the allulose group the glucose levels started to increase slightly from 45 weeks and remained constant until 60 weeks. By the end of 60 weeks, the fasting blood glucose concentrations in the psicose group were approximately 35% lower than that of the control group. Body fat accumulation, in particular adipose tissue, was lower (by ~25-30%) in the treatment group, with decreased infiltration of macrophages in the abdominal adipose tissue. No adverse effects of D-allulose were reported.

The study by Itoh et al. (2015) also reported anti-obesity effects of D-allulose (0, 2.5, or 5% of the diet or 1,500-2,000 or 3,000-4,000 mg/kg bw/day) in inherited leptin-deficient ob/ob mice. Wild type C57BL/6J mice were used as an animal control (0% D-allulose). The results of this study showed that subchronic ingestion for 15 weeks significantly decreased body weights (by \sim 20%), liver weights (by \sim 6%), and total fat mass (by \sim 7%), including abdominal visceral fat

(by ~5%) in the 5% allulose group. During the 15-week period, the total calorie intake of the 5% D-allulose treatment significantly decreased by 10% compared to that observed in both the control and 2.5% D-allulose groups. Furthermore, D-allulose improved hepatic steatosis as evaluated using hepatic histological evaluation and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). In control mice, fat deposition produced a severely damaged liver histology presenting as remarkable ballooning degeneration. The ballooning degeneration and hepatic steatosis improved after the subchronic ingestion of D-allulose. The authors concluded that D-allulose may be useful as a supplement for preventing and improving obesity and obesity-related disorders. No adverse effects of D-allulose were reported.

In a study by Nagata et al. (2015), effects of D-allulose on lipid metabolism were evaluated. Rats were fed diets with or without 3% D-allulose for 4 weeks. In experiment 1, feeding D-allulose significantly decreased body weight by approximately 5%, but not food intake. Liver enzyme activities involved in lipogenesis were significantly lowered by the D-allulose diet, whereas gene expression of a transcriptional modulator of fatty acid oxidation was enhanced. Rats fed D-allulose had significantly lower serum insulin and leptin levels. In experiment 2, feeding the D-allulose diet resulted in significantly lower body weight (389 \pm 3 vs. 426 \pm 6 g, p < 0.05) and food intake (23.8 \pm 0.2 vs. 25.7 \pm 0.4 g/day, p < 0.05) compared to the control diet. Rats fed the D-allulose diet had significantly higher energy expenditure in the light period and fat oxidation in the dark period compared to rats fed the control diet, whereas carbohydrate oxidation was lower. The results indicate that the D-allulose diet decreased lipogenesis, increased fatty acid oxidation, and enhanced 24 h energy expenditure, leading to D-allulose's potential for weight management. No adverse effects of D-allulose were reported.

These studies confirmed the previous findings that D-allulose at the level of up to 5% in the diet did not cause treatment-related abnormalities on measured outcomes (Table 6; Baek et al., 2010; Chung et al., 2012a; Hossain et al., 2012; Matsuo et al., 2001a, 2001b; Matsuo and Izumori, 2004, 2006, 2009; Ochiai et al., 2013).

Several mechanisms of actions have been proposed to explain potential mechanisms of anti-obese and anti-hyperglycemic effects of D-allulose (Previous GRNs covered most of these aspects):

- 1) its zero-calorie effects and 70% relative sweetness of sucrose,
- 2) the inhibition of enzymatic activities for the digestion of polysaccharides, such as glucoamylase and maltase (Iida et al., 2008; Matsuo and Izumori, 2006),
- 3) inhibition of hepatic fatty acid synthatase (Matsuo et al., 2001a, 2001b),
- 4) the preservation of pancreas β-cells through the suppression of proinflammatory cytokines and reactive oxygen species production (Hossain et al., 2015),
- 5) decreased absorption of sugars (Baek et al., 2010; Matsuo and Izumori, 2009),
- 6) enhanced insulin sensitivity (Hossain et al., 2012; Iida et al., 2008) and/or
- 7) altered hepatic glucose metabolism via the translocation of glucokinase (Hossain et al., 2011).

Animal efficacy studies are summarized in Table 9. None of the animal efficacy studies reported adverse effects of D-allulose. For these 'pivotal' studies, the dose levels represent the maximum doses administered, rather than absolute safety endpoints.

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Table 9. Animal Efficacy Studies Reporting No Adverse Effects of D-allulose

| Species | Dosage | Length | Primary endpoints | Reference |
|--|--|-------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Recent Anir | nal Efficacy Stud | | | |
| Dogs | 0.2 g/kg bw | Single dose | Blood glucose and insulin parameters | Nishii et al., 2016b |
| Mice | 5% of high fat diet | 16 weeks | Body weight, plasma concentrations of leptin and resistin, plasma and hepatic levels of lipids, and fecal excretion of lipids | Han et al., 2016 |
| Young male Wistar rats | 5% of high sucrose diet or control diet | 8 weeks | Feed intake, weight gain, clinical chemistry, energy expenditure, and body fat accumulation | Ochiai et al., 2014 |
| Diabetic rats | 5% of diet | 60 weeks | Body weight gain, glucose metabolism, inflammatory biomarkers, and abdominal fat deposition. | Hossain et al., 2015 |
| Rat, Sprague Dawley | 3% of diet | 4 weeks | Lipid metabolism (serum and liver lipid levels, liver enzyme activity, and gene expression), body weight | Nagata et al., 2015 |
| Mice (ob/ob and wild type C57BL/6J) | 0, 2.5, or 5% of diet | 15 weeks | Body and fat weights, liver weights, and hepatic steatosis | Itoh et al., 2015 |
| | erenced in GRNs | 1 | · | T |
| Rat, Sprague- Dawley | 5% of high fat diet | 8 weeks | Feed intake, weight gain, liver weight, visceral fat mass, blood lipid profile | Chung et al., 2012a |
| Male Wistar rats | 5% of high sucrose diet or high starch diet | 8 weeks | Body weight, food intakes, organ weight, serum clinical chemistry, liver triglycerides, carbohydrates and glycogen, and body fat | Ochiai et al., 2013 |
| Diabetic rats | 5% of diet | 13 weeks | Body weight, glucose metabolism, inflammatory biomarkers, and abdominal fat deposition. | Hossain et al., 2012 |
| Male mice | 0.2 g/kg bw/d | 4 weeks | Glycemic responses, insulin release, and blood lipid profiles, 0.2 g/kg bw/day | Baek et al., 2010 |
| 24 Male rats, Wistar | 5% in the high (25%) and low fat (5%) diets | 16 weeks | Body weight, energy intake, body fat, organ wt., glucose tolerance, serum adipocytokine concentrations (adiponectin, tumor necrosis factor alpha, leptin), and liver glycogen and triglycerides. | Matsuo and Izumori, 2004 |
| Male rat | 5% in the diet | 3 weeks | Body fat and lipid metabolism | Matsuo et al., 2001a |

| Male rat | 5% in the diet | 4 weeks | Body fat and lipid metabolism | Matsuo et |
|----------|----------------|---------|---------------------------------|------------|
| | | | | al., 2001b |
| Male rat | 5% in the diet | 8 weeks | Body fat and glycemic responses | Matsuo and |
| | | | | Izumori, |
| | | | | 2006 |
| Male rat | 2,000 mg/kg | Single | Body fat and glycemic responses | Matsuo and |
| | bw | dose | | Izumori, |
| | | | | 2009 |

bw= body weight; d= day

6.C.4. Human Clinical Studies

Since the FDA's last review of D-allulose in 2014 (GRNs 400 and 498; U.S. FDA, 2012 and 2014, respectively), no new literature has been published. Several human clinical studies previously reviewed reported no adverse effects of D-allulose (Table 6; Hayashi et al., 2010; Iida et al., 2007, 2008, 2010). Like non-digestible oligosaccharides and fiber ingredients, the only known side effect of D-allulose is gastrointestinal discomfort when ingested in large quantities. Even if gastrointestinal discomfort is noted when consumed in large quantities of D-allulose, it is not considered to be of toxicological significance since this type of symptom is usually transient and is often associated with ingestion of non-digestible carbohydrates including dietary fiber (IOM, 2002).

A clinical study showed that the maximum tolerable levels in humans were 0.5 g/kg bw/day for males and 0.6 g/kg bw/day for females, with the mean value of 0.55 g/kg bw/day (Table 10). These dosages correspond to 33.3 g/day for a 67 kg Asian male and 31.0 g/day for a 52 kg Asian female (Iida et al., 2007). These dosages also correspond to 45 - 46 g/person/day for an average American adult aged 20 years or older.

Table 10. Human Clinical Studies Referenced in GRNs 400 and 498

| Dosage | Length | Results | Reference |
|---------------------|-------------|--|-----------------|
| Up to 0.9 g/kg bw/d | 6 days | No gastrointestinal symptoms up to | Iida et al., |
| | | 0.5 - 0.6 g/kg bw/d | 2007 |
| 15 g/d (5 g in tea, | 12 weeks | Positive impact on glycemic responses; | Hayashi et al., |
| three times a day) | | no adverse effects were noted. | 2010 |
| 7.5 g in beverage | Single dose | Positive impact on glycemic and | Iida et al., |
| | | insulinemic responses; no adverse | 2008 |
| | | effects were noted. | |
| Up to 340 mg/kg bw | Single dose | Metabolism study; no adverse effects | Iida et al., |
| in beverage | | were noted. | 2010 |

bw= body weight; d=day

6.D. SUMMARY

6.D.1. Common Knowledge Element of the GRAS Determination

D-allulose has been safely used as a food ingredient around the world for a decade. As a result, a number of comprehensive reviews of the safety of D-allulose have been published (Chung et al., 2012b). In addition, the FDA has had no question on two GRAS notices related to the safety of D-allulose (GRN 400, FDA 2012; GRN 498, FDA, 2014).

6.D.2. Technical Element of the GRAS Determination (Safety Determination)

Numerous human and animal studies have reported benefits of D-allulose with no major adverse effects. Samyang Corp.'s D-allulose is manufactured under cGMP using common food industry materials and processes. Samyang Corp. uses a HACCP-controlled manufacturing process and rigorously tests its final production batches to verify adherence to quality control specifications. There is broad-based and widely disseminated knowledge concerning the chemistry of D-allulose. This GRAS determination is based on the data and information generally available and consented opinion about the safety of D-allulose. The literature indicates that D-allulose offers consumers benefits without adverse effects.

The following safety evaluation fully considers the composition, intake, nutritional, microbiological, and toxicological properties of D-allulose as well as appropriate corroborative data.

- 1. Analytical data from multiple lots indicate that D-allulose complies reliably with the established food-grade product specifications and meets all applicable purity standards.
- 2. Samyang Corp.'s D-allulose will be used as a sugar substitute and/or as a flavor modifier in food applications at use levels ranging from 2 to 100% in: selected bakery products (rolls, cakes, pastries, cakes, low calorie or dietetics), beverages (non-alcoholic, low or reduced calorie, sugar free); cereals; chewing gums; confections and frostings; frozen dairy desserts (ice cream, soft serve, sorbet; low calorie, reduced calorie, sugar-free); yogurt and frozen yogurt (low calorie, reduced calorie, sugar-free); dressings for salads; gelatins, pudding and fillings (low calorie, reduced calorie, sugar-free); hard and soft candies (low calorie, reduced calorie, sugar-free); jams and jellies; sugar; sugar substitutes; sweet sauces and syrups (low calorie, reduced calorie, sugar-free) and fat based cream.
- 3. The LD₅₀ value of D-allulose in rats is 15.8-16.3 g/kg. A chronic toxicity study in rats showed that D-allulose at a dose of 1,280 mg/kg bw/day, the maximum level tested, did not show adverse effects. A 90 day subchronic toxicity study in rats reported the NOAEL for D-allulose as 3% of the diet, the highest level tested.
- 4. A human clinical study showed that the maximum tolerable levels in humans were 0.5 g/kg bw/day for males and 0.6 g/kg bw/day for females. The only side effect of non-digestible carbohydrates, including D-allulose, is gastrointestinal discomfort when ingested in large quantities. This type of symptom is usually transient and is not considered to be of toxicological significance (IOM, 2002).
- 5. The proposed food use results in exposure at levels below those associated with any adverse effects. The EDI assessments are based on the assumption that Samyang Corp.'s D-allulose will replace currently marketed D-allulose. Thus, cumulative exposures are not expected. In addition, the EDIs presented in this notice are highly amplified estimates.

- 6. In the previous GRAS notices (GRN 400 and 498) to the FDA, the safety of D-allulose has been established in animal toxicity studies and mutagenicity studies, and is further supported by human clinical studies.
- 7. Additional animal studies published subsequent to the FDA GRAS notices continue to support the safety of D-allulose as a food ingredient.

Overall, there are no indications of significant adverse effects related to D-allulose in the publicly available literature. Therefore, not only is the proposed use of D-allulose safe within the terms of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (meeting the standard of reasonable certainty of no harm), but because of this consensus among experts, it is also *Generally Recognized as Safe* (GRAS) according to Title 21 Code of Federal Regulations (21 CFR).

6.E. DISCUSSION OF INFORMATION INCONSISTENT WITH GRAS DETERMINATION

We are not aware of information that would be considered inconsistent with the finding that the proposed use of D-allulose preparations in foods and beverages, meeting appropriate specifications and used according to cGMP, is GRAS.

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7.1. DATA AND INFORMATION ARE GENERALLY AVAILABLE

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7.2. DATA AND INFORMATION ARE NOT GENERALLY AVAILABLE

Not applicable.

APPENDIX A. CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

1. Product 1. D-allulose syrup

| Composition | Lot 1 (2015.08.08) | Lot 2 (2015.08.09) | Lot 3 (2015.08.20) | Analytical Method |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Brix | 75 Brix (%) | (2012.00.09) | (2012.00.20) | Brixmeter |
| рН | 3.0 ~ 7.0 | | | pH meter |
| D-Allulose* | 24.63% | 25.16% | 25.04% | HPLC |
| Moisture | < 25% | | | AOAC941.14 |
| Fructose or other sugars* | 75.37% | 74.84% | 74.96% | HPLC |
| Total plate count | Negative | Negative | Negative | AOAC 2002.07 |
| Salmonella | Negative | Negative | Negative | AOAC 989.14 |
| Staphylococcus | Negative | Negative | Negative | AOAC 987.09 |
| Coliforms | Negative | Negative | Negative | AOAC 991.14 |
| Ash | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | AOAC 900.02 |
| Pb | 0.0095 ppm | 0.0048 ppm | 0.0063 ppm | AOAC 2015.01 |
| As | 0.0071 ppm | 0.0014 ppm | 0.0024 ppm | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Cd | 0.0020 ppm | 0.0011 ppm | 0.0027 ppm | AOAC 2015.01 |

^{*}Dry weight basis.

2. Product 2. D-allulose syrup

| Composition | Lot 1 | Lot 2 | Lot 3 | Analytical |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | (2015.09.15) | (2015.09.30) | (2015.10.20) | Method |
| Brix | 75 Brix (%) | | | Brixmeter |
| рН | 3.0 ~ 7.0 | | | pH meter |
| D-Allulose* | 53.37% | 53.22% | 54.95% | HPLC |
| Moisture | < 25% | | | AOAC941.14 |
| Fructose or other sugars* | 46.63% | 46.78% | 45.05% | HPLC |
| Total plate count | Negative | Negative | Negative | AOAC 2002.07 |
| Salmonella | Negative | Negative | Negative | AOAC 989.14 |
| Staphylococcus | Negative | Negative | Negative | AOAC 987.09 |
| Coliforms | Negative | Negative | Negative | AOAC 991.14 |
| Ash | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | AOAC 900.02 |
| Pb | 0.0040 ppm | 0.0033 ppm | 0.0074 ppm | AOAC 2015.01 |

| As | 0.0015 ppm | 0.0015 ppm | 0.0024 ppm | AOAC 2015.01 |
|----|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Cd | 0.0038 ppm | 0.0016 ppm | 0.0013 ppm | AOAC 2015.01 |

^{*}Dry weight basis.

3. Product 3. D-allulose syrup

| Composition | Lot 1 | Lot 2 | Lot 3 | Analytical Method |
|---------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|
| | (2015.09.15) | (2015.8.28) | (2015.10.06) | |
| Brix | 75 Brix (%) | Brixmeter | | |
| рН | 3.0 ~ 7.0 | | | pH meter |
| D-Allulose* | 95.90% | 95.25% | 96.19% | HPLC |
| Moisture | < 25% | AOAC 941.14 | | |
| Fructose or other sugars* | 4.10% | 4.75% | 3.81% | HPLC |
| Total plate count | Negative | Negative | Negative | AOAC 2002.07 |
| Salmonella | Negative | Negative | Negative | AOAC 989.14 |
| Staphylococcus | Negative | Negative | Negative | AOAC 987.09 |
| Coliforms | Negative | Negative | Negative | AOAC 991.14 |
| Ash | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | AOAC 900.02 |
| Pb | 0.0024 ppm | 0.0021 ppm | 0.0028 ppm | AOAC 2015.01 |
| As | 0.0011 ppm | 0.0006 ppm | 0.0018 ppm | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Cd | 0.0022 ppm | 0.0012 ppm | 0.0014 ppm | AOAC 2015.01 |

^{*}Dry weight basis.

4. Product 4-Crystalline D-allulose, ≥98%

| Composition | Lot 1 (2015.09.15) | Lot 2 (2015.9.30) | Lot 3 (2015.10.20) | Analysis Method |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Moisture | 0.15% | 0.16% | 0.14% | AOAC 941.14 |
| D-Allulose* | 99.44% | 99.03% | 99.43% | HPLC |
| Fructose or other sugars* | 0.41% | 0.81% | 0.43% | HPLC |
| Total plate count | 2.0×10^{2} | 2.7×10^2 | 2.0×10^2 | AOAC 2002.07 |
| Salmonella | Negative | Negative | Negative | AOAC 989.14 |
| Staphylococcus | Negative | Negative | Negative | AOAC 987.09 |
| Coliforms | Negative | Negative | Negative | AOAC 991.14 |
| Ash | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | AOAC 900.02 |
| Pb | 0.0065 ppm | 0.0054 ppm | 0.0017 ppm | AOAC 2015.01 |

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| As | 0.0027 ppm | 0.0059 ppm | 0.0062 ppm | AOAC 2015.01 |
|----|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Cd | 0.0014 ppm | 0.0016 ppm | 0.0011 ppm | AOAC 2015.01 |

^{*}Dry weight basis.

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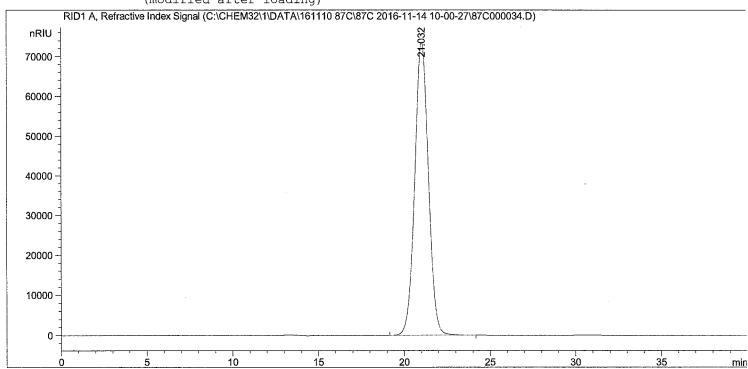
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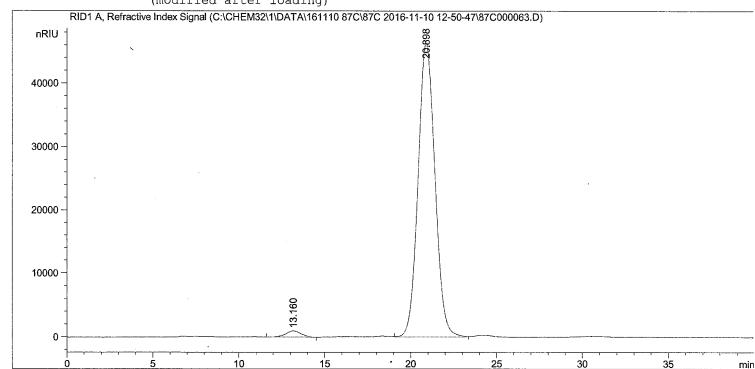
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| | | | | | | |
| 1 | 13.160 | VV | 0.9658 | 6.33221e4 | 985.33160 | 1.9581 |
| 2 | 20.898 | VV | 1.0665 | 3.17061e6 | 4.63141e4 | 98.0419 |

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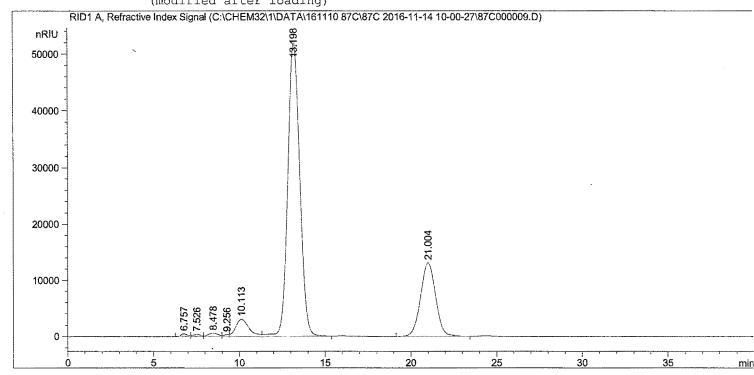
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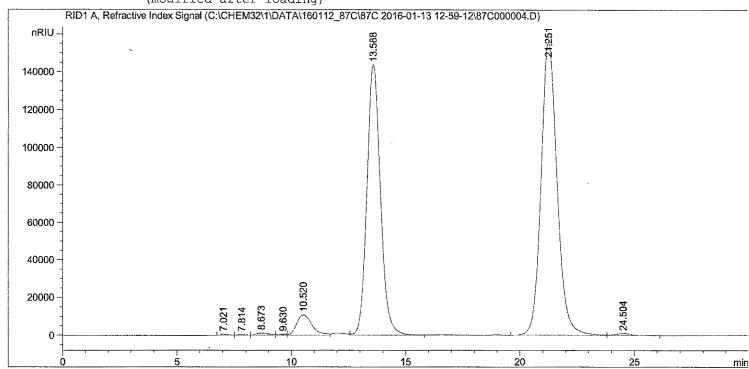
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| # | [min] | | [min] | [nRIU*s] | [nRIU] | ્ર |
| | | - | | | | |
| 1 | 6.757 | BV | 0.3905 | 1.29029e4 | 495.07358 | 0.3629 |
| 2 | 7.526 | VV | 0.4332 | 1.17543e4 | 405.56537 | 0.3306 |
| 3 | 8.478 | VV | 0.6412 | 2.47657e4 | 605.62048 | 0.6965 |
| 4 | 9.256 | VV F | 0.3317 | 8050.79541 | 335.67728 | 0.2264 |
| 5 | 10.113 | VV | 0.8285 | 1.63481e5 | 3028.44727 | 4.5980 |

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Use Multiplier & Dilution Factor with ISTDs

Signal 1: RID1 A, Refractive Index Signal

| Peak | RetTime | Typ | e e | Width | Area | Height | Area |
|------|---------|-----------------|-----|--------|-----------|------------|--------|
| # | [min] | | | [min] | [nRIU*s] | [nRIU] | 엄 |
| | | | - | | | | |
| 1 | 7.021 | $\nabla \nabla$ | | 0.3121 | 1.36726e4 | 634.06299 | 0.0960 |
| 2 | 7.814 | VV | | 0.3828 | 1.17499e4 | 462.50888 | 0.0825 |
| 3 | 8.673 | VV | | 0.5975 | 5.13311e4 | 1354.96045 | 0.3604 |
| 4 | 9.630 | VV | F | 0.3849 | 1.63428e4 | 603.86536 | 0.1148 |
| 5 | 10.520 | VV | | 0.7380 | 5.10573e5 | 1.08712e4 | 3,5852 |

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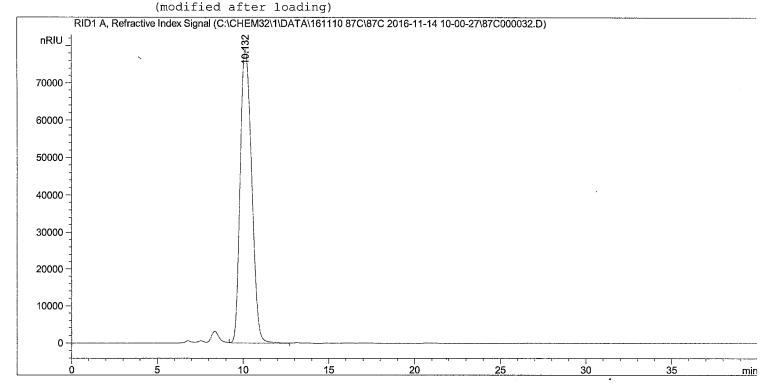
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Signal 1: RID1 A, Refractive Index Signal

| Peak | RetTime | Type | Width | Area | Height | Area | |
|------|---------|------|--------|-----------|-----------|----------|--|
| # | [min] | | [min] | [nRIU*s] | [nRIU] | 96 | |
| | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 10.132 | VV | 0.7502 | 3.67952e6 | 7.90810e4 | 100.0000 | |

Totals: 3.67952e6 7.90810e4

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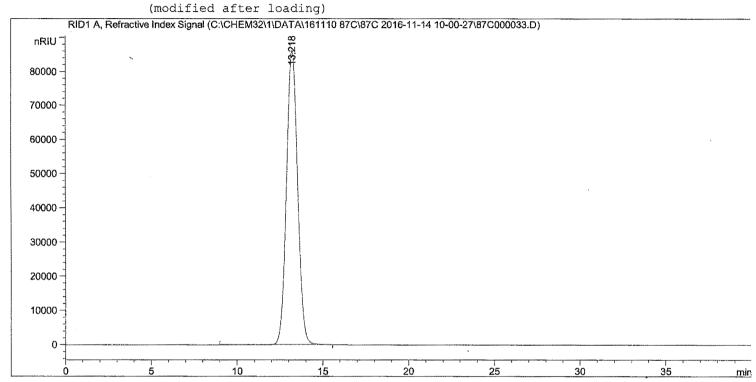
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Signal 1: RID1 A, Refractive Index Signal

Totals: 3.89336e6 8.62145e4

2.6. Composition and Specifications

As shown in Tables 1-1 to 1-4, the only differences in specification are found in the concentrations of D-allulose and moisture. Specifications for microbial and heavy metal content are the same for powder and liquid forms.

Table 1-1. Composition of Product 1=sum of macronutrients should be close to 100%. Please analyze for protein and fat. If there are other carbohydrates, please identify what those are like lactose, etc.

| Composition | Specification | Analytical Method |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Appearance | Clear yellow liquid | Visual |
| Odor | No odor | |
| D-allulose*, %, wt/wt | 20~25 | HPLC |
| D-fructose* | 68~73 | HPLC |
| D-glucose* | 4~6 | HPLC |
| Dextrin* (DS2~4) | 1~3 | HPLC |
| Protein | Ma. | AOAC945.23 |
| Fat | ** | AOAC996.06 |
| Moisture, %, wt/wt | ≤35 | AOAC 941.14 |
| Brix | ≥65 | Brix meter |
| pH | 3.0 - 7.0 | pH meter |
| Ash, %, wt/wt | ≤0.5 | AOAC 900.02 |
| Pb, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| As, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Cd, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Total plate count, CFU/g | ≤1,000 | AOAC 2002.07 |
| Coliforms | negative | AOAC 991.14 |
| Salmonella | negative | AOAC 989.14 |
| Staphylococcus aureus | negative | AOAC 987.09 |

^{*}Dry wt. basis

D-Allulose + D-Fructose = 93%, D-glucose + Dextrin = 7%

Table 1-2. Composition of Product 2=sum of macronutrients should be close to 100%

| Composition. | Specification | Analytical Method |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Appearance | Clear yellow liquid | Visual |
| Odor | No odor | |
| D-allulose*, %, wt/wt | 50~55 | HPLC |
| D-fructose* | 40~45 | HPLC |
| D-glucose* | 1.5~4.0 | HPLC |
| Dextrin* (DS2~4) | 1.0~3.5 | HPLC |
| Protein | *** | AOAC945.23 |
| Fat | - | AOAC996.06 |
| Moisture, %, wt/wt | ≤35 | AOAC 941.14 |
| Brix | ≥65 | Brix meter |
| pН | 3.0 - 7.0 | pH meter |
| Ash, %, wt/wt | ≤0.5 | AOAC 900.02 |
| Pb, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |

| As, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
|--------------------------|----------|--------------|
| Cd, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Total plate count, CFU/g | ≤1,000 | AOAC 2002.07 |
| Coliforms | negative | AOAC 991.14 |
| Salmonella | negative | AOAC 989.14 |
| Staphylococcus aureus | negative | AOAC 987.09 |

^{*}Dry wt. basis

Table 1-3. Composition of Product 3=sum of macronutrients should be close to 100%. Please analyze for protein and fat

| Composition | Specification | Analytical Method |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Appearance | Clear yellow liquid | Visual |
| Odor | No odor | |
| D-allulose*, %, wt/wt | ≥90 | HPLC |
| Protein | - | AOAC945.23 |
| Fat | = | AOAC996.06 |
| Moisture | ≤35 | AOAC 941.14 |
| Brix | ≥65 | Brix meter |
| pН | 3.0 - 7.0 | pH meter |
| Ash, %, wt/wt | ≤0.5 | AOAC 900.02 |
| Pb, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| As, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Cd, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Total plate count, CFU/g | ≤1,000 | AOAC 2002.07 |
| Coliforms | negative | AOAC 991.14 |
| Salmonella | negative | AOAC 989.14 |
| Staphylococcus aureus | negative | AOAC 987.09 |

^{*}Dry wt. basis

Table 2-1. Specifications of Product 1 (D-allulose Syrup)

| Composition | Specification | Analytical Method |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Appearance | Clear yellow liquid | Visual |
| Odor | No odor | |
| D-allulose*, %, wt/wt | ≥20 | HPLC |
| Moisture, %, wt/wt | <u>≤</u> 35 | AOAC 941.14 |
| Brix | ≥65 | Brix meter |
| pН | 3.0 - 7.0 | pH meter |
| Ash, %, wt/wt | ≤0.5 | AOAC 900.02 |
| Pb, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| As, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Cd, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Total plate count, CFU/g | ≤1,000 | AOAC 2002.07 |
| Coliforms | negative | AOAC 991.14 |
| Salmonella | negative | AOAC 989.14 |
| Staphylococcus aureus | negative | AOAC 987.09 |

D-Allulose + D-Fructose = 95%, D-glucose + Dextrin = 5%

*Dry wt. basis

Table 2-2. Specifications of Product 2 (D-allulose Syrup)

| Composition | Specification | Analytical Method |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Appearance | Clear yellow liquid | Visual |
| Odor | No odor | |
| D-allulose*, %, wt/wt | ≥50 | HPLC |
| Moisture, %, wt/wt | ≤35 | AOAC 941.14 |
| Brix | ≥65 | Brix meter |
| pН | 3.0 - 7.0 | pH meter |
| Ash, %, wt/wt | ≤0.5 | AOAC 900.02 |
| Pb, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| As, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Cd, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Total plate count, CFU/g | ≤1,000 | AOAC 2002.07 |
| Coliforms | negative | AOAC 991.14 |
| Salmonella | negative | AOAC 989.14 |
| Staphylococcus aureus | negative | AOAC 987.09 |

^{*}Dry wt. basis

Table 2-3. Specifications of Product 3 (D-allulose Syrup)

| Composition | Specification | Analytical Method |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Appearance | Clear yellow liquid | Visual |
| Odor | No odor | |
| D-allulose*, %, wt/wt | ≥90 | HPLC |
| Moisture | ≤35 | AOAC 941.14 |
| Brix | ≥65 | Brix meter |
| pН | 3.0 - 7.0 | pH meter |
| Ash, %, wt/wt | ≤0.5 | AOAC 900.02 |
| Pb, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| As, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Cd, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Total plate count, CFU/g | ≤1,000 | AOAC 2002.07 |
| Coliforms | negative | AOAC 991.14 |
| Salmonella | negative | AOAC 989.14 |
| Staphylococcus aureus | negative | AOAC 987.09 |

^{*}Dry wt. basis

Table 2-4. Specifications of Product 4 (Crystalline D-allulose, ≥98%)

| Composition | Specification | Analytical Method |
|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Appearance | Powder | Visual |
| Odor | No odor | |
| D-allulose*, %, wt/wt | ≥98 | HPLC |
| Moisture, %, wt/wt | ≤2 | AOAC 941.14 |
| рН | 3.0 - 7.0 | pH meter |

| Ash, %, wt/wt | ≤0.1 | AOAC 900.02 |
|--------------------------|----------|--------------|
| Pb, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| As, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Cd, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Total plate count, CFU/g | ≤1,000 | AOAC 2002.07 |
| Coliforms | negative | AOAC 991.14 |
| Salmonella | negative | AOAC 989.14 |
| Staphylococcus aureus | negative | AOAC 987.09 |

^{*}Dry wt. basis; CFU=colony forming unit.

EXPERT PANEL REPORT GENERALLY RECOGNIZED AS SAFE (GRAS) NOTICE OF D-ALLULOSE (D-PSICOSE) AS A FOOD INGREDIENT

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GENERALLY RECOGNIZED AS SAFE (GRAS) STATUS OF D-Allulose (D-psicose) AS A FOOD INGREDIENT

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EXPERT PANEL REPORT

PART 1. CONCLUSION OF GENERALLY RECOGNIZED AS SAFE DETERMINATION FOR D-ALLULOSE (OR D-PSICOSE)

PART 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND EXPERT PANEL STATEMENT

We, the undersigned expert panel members, Susan Cho, Ph.D., George Fahey, Ph.D., and Joanne Slavin, Ph.D., have critically evaluated the safety of D-allulose (D-psicose).

On behalf of Samyang Corp., we, the undersigned expert panel members, Susan S. Cho, Ph.D., George Fahey, Ph.D., and Joanne Slavin, Ph.D., have independently evaluated the materials summarized in this GRAS report. Based on a critical evaluation of the publicly available data summarized herein, the Expert Panel members, whose signatures appear below, have individually and collectively, concluded that D-allulose, produced consistent with current Good Manufacturing Practices and meeting the specifications described herein, is safe under its intended conditions of use (as a nutritional food ingredient).

1.A. Common Knowledge Element of the GRAS Determination

D-allulose has been safely used as a food ingredient around the world for a decade. As a result, a number of comprehensive reviews of the safety of D-allulose have been published (Chung et al., 2012b). In addition, the FDA has had no question on two GRAS Notices related to safety of D-allulose (GRN 400, FDA 2012; GRN 498, FDA, 2014).

1.B. Technical Element of the GRAS Determination (Safety Determination)

Numerous human and animal studies have reported benefits of D-allulose with no major adverse effects. Samyang Corp.'s D-allulose is manufactured under cGMP using common food industry materials and processes. Samyang Corp. uses a HACCP-controlled manufacturing process and rigorously tests its final production batches to verify adherence to quality control specifications. There is broad-based and widely disseminated knowledge concerning the chemistry of D-allulose. This GRAS determination is based on the data and information generally available and consented opinion about the safety of D-allulose. The literature indicates that D-allulose offers consumers benefits without adverse effects.

The following safety evaluation fully considers the composition, intake, nutritional, microbiological, and toxicological properties of D-allulose as well as appropriate corroborative data.

- 1. Analytical data from multiple lots indicate that D-allulose complies reliably with the established food-grade product specifications and meet all applicable purity standards.
- 2. Samyang Corp.'s D-allulose will be used as a sugar substitute in food applications at use levels ranging from 2 to 100%: selected (low or reduced calorie) bakery products, beverages, cereals, chewing gums, confections and frostings, frozen dairy desserts, yogurt and frozen yogurt, dressings for salads, gelatins, puddings and fillings, hard and soft candies, jams and jellies, sugar, sugar substitutes, sweet sauces and syrups, and fatbased creams.
- 3. The LD₅₀ value of D-allulose in rats has been reported as 15.8-16.3 g/kg. A chronic toxicity study in rats showed that D-allulose at a dose of 1,280 mg/kg bw/day, the

- maximum level tested, did not show adverse effects. A 90 day subchronic toxicity study in rats reported the NOAEL for D-allulose as 3% of the diet, the highest level tested.
- 4. A human clinical study showed that the maximum tolerable levels in humans were 0.5 g/kg bw/day for males and 0.6 g/kg bw/day for females. The only side effect of non-digestible carbohydrates including D-allulose is gastrointestinal discomfort when ingested in large quantities. This type of symptom is usually transient and is not considered to be of toxicological significance (IOM, 2002).
- 5. The proposed food use results in exposure at levels below those associated with any adverse effects. The EDI estimates are based on the assumption that Samyang Corp.'s Dallulose will replace currently marketed D-allulose. Thus, cumulative exposures are not expected. In addition, the EDIs presented in this notice are highly optimistic estimates.
- In the previous GRAS notices (GRN 400 and 498) to the FDA, the safety of D-allulose
 has been established in animal toxicity studies and mutagenicity studies, and is further
 supported by human clinical studies.
- 7. Additional animal studies published subsequent to the FDA GRAS notices continue to support the safety of D-allulose as a food ingredient.

Overall, there are no indications of significant adverse effects related to D-allulose in the publicly available literature. Therefore, not only is the proposed use of D-allulose safe within the terms of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (meeting the standard of reasonable certainty of no harm), but because of this consensus among experts, it is also *Generally Recognized as Safe* (GRAS) according to Title 21 Code of Federal Regulations (21 CFR).

It is also our opinion that other qualified and competent scientists reviewing the same publicly available toxicological and safety information would reach the same conclusion. Therefore, we have concluded that D-allulose, when used as described in this dossier, is GRAS based on scientific procedures.

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PART 2. THE IDENTITY, METHOD OF MANUFACTURE, SPECIFICATIONS, AND PHYSICAL OR TECHNICAL EFFECT OF THE NOTIFIED SUBSTANCE.

A. Scientific Information About the Identity of a Notified Substance

2.A.1. Scientific Information Sufficient To Identify a Biological Source

D-allulose is a monosaccharide, an epimer of D-fructose isomerized at C-3 (Karabinos, 1952). D-allulose has 70% of the sweetness of sucrose and has a higher solubility that makes it easy to use for food processing. Based on the results of the plot of breath hydrogen concentration vs. calories ingested, the energy value of D-allulose was predicted to be less than 0.2 kcal/g (Iida et al., 2010). Thus, it belongs to the non-digestible carbohydrate category. It is odorless, white or almost white, and non-hygroscopic. D-allulose is a naturally occurring monosaccharide present in small quantities in food products.

Standards of Identity

In the notice, Samyang Corp. states its intention to use D-allulose in several food categories, including foods for which standards of identity exist, located in Title 21 of the Code of Federal Regulations. We note that an ingredient that is lawfully added to food products may be used in a standardized food only if it is permitted by the applicable standard of identity.

Chemistry, Physicochemical Properties, and Structure

Chemical name is D-ribo-2-ketohexose

MW=180.16

Molecular formula: C₆H₁₂O₆

CAS Registry ID; 551-68-8

Chemical structure of D-allulose is shown in Figure 1.



Figure 1. Chemical Structure of D-allulose

2.A.2. Potential Toxicants in the Source of the Notified Substance

No toxicant production is expected in the manufacture of allulose. The final product is highly purified through several steps during production. Further, the enzymatic conversion of D-fructose to D-allulose is an enzymatic reaction that occurs in nature, with no known toxicant production.

2.A.3. Particle Size

NLT 90% pass 40 mesh.

2.B. Method of Manufacture

D-allulose is manufactured from fructose in aqueous solution by enzymatic epimerization in the presence of magnesium chloride. The enzyme used is an immobilized D-allulose-3-epimerase, which converts fructose to D-allulose. Compared to those described in previous GRAS notices, SamYang Corp. employs a unique immobilized enzyme system described below. The enzyme system has been proven safe.

Differences in enzyme systems described in various GRNs

Current notice - SamYang Corp.

The neutralized fructose syrup is passed into an immobilized cell system (calcium alginate gel bead with recombinant *Corynebacterium glutamicum* [non-viable cell] harboring D-allulose 3-epimerase [DPE] from *Clostridium scindens*). The fructose then is converted to D-allulose at 50°C.

GRN 400 - CJ CheilJedang

An immobilized cell system (calcium alginate gel bead with *Corynebacterium glutamicum* [non-viable cell] harboring D-psicose 3-epimerase [DPE] originated from *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*).

GRN 498 - Matsutani

D-psicose 3-epimerase (DPE) is extracted from *Escherichia coli* (K12) [non-viable cell] or *Streptomyces violaceoruber* harboring DPE that originated from *Arthrobacter globiformis or Arthrobacter globiformis* itself.

SamYang's Manufacturing process

- 1. The fructose syrup (≥75% solids concentration) is diluted with clean water (>50% solids concentration) in a reception tank and then stored in a stock tank.
- 2. The neutralized fructose syrup is passed into an immobilized cell system (calcium alginate gel bead with recombinant *Corynebacterium glutamicum* [non-viable cell] harboring D-allulose 3-epimerase [DPE] from *Clostridium scindens*). The fructose then is converted to D-allulose at 50°C.
- 3. For decolorization and desalting, the D-allulose solution is mixed with active carbon in a stirred tank reactor. The liquid undergoes pressure filtration to clarify it, and it is treated through an ion exchange process (i.e., a cation column with strongly acidic cationic exchange resin; an anion column with intermediate basic anion exchange resin; and a mixed bed column that has a combination of both strongly acidic and strongly basic resins) to remove any impurities (e.g. calcium, manganese, chloride, and other ionic components, including amino acids, peptides, and proteins).
- 4. Following ion exchange purification, the D-allulose solution is concentrated with an evaporator to produce syrup (Product 1-Allulose syrup, ≥20% on a dry weight basis).
- 5. This concentrated syrup is pumped into a separation chromatography system to separate D-allulose from other sugars (i.e., fructose).
- 6. Using an evaporator, the solution is concentrated to the final density of ≥65 °Bx to produce syrup (Product 2 or 3- D-allulose syrup, ≥50% or ≥90% on a dry weight basis).

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- 7. The final concentrated product is pumped into a batch continuous crystallizer.
- 8. The crystalline D-allulose (Product 4 ≥98% D-allulose) is separated by basket centrifugation, washed by spraying distilled water, and finally dried in a rotary dryer.

Quality assurance procedure:

Samyang Corp.'s D-allulose is manufactured under current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMP) using common food industry materials and processes. Samyang Corp. utilizes a Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP)-controlled manufacturing process and rigorously tests its final production batches to verify adherence to quality control specifications. All processing aids used in the manufacturing process are food grades. D-allulose is manufactured under cGMP using common food industry materials and processes in accordance with the applicable parts of 21 CFR, part 110 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Process tanks and lines are cleaned with sodium hydroxide and hydrogen peroxide following standard procedures common to the dairy industry. The ion exchange resins used in the manufacturing process are food grade and comply with 21 CFR 173.25. A flow diagram of the manufacturing process is presented in Figure 2.

Safety of enzymes:

The enzyme utilized is non-toxicological and non-pathogenic. An acute toxicity study showed that a single dose of 2 g/kg bw did not cause any treatment-related abnormalities in Sprague-Dawley rats. The LD₅₀ was determined to be far above 2 g/kg bw.

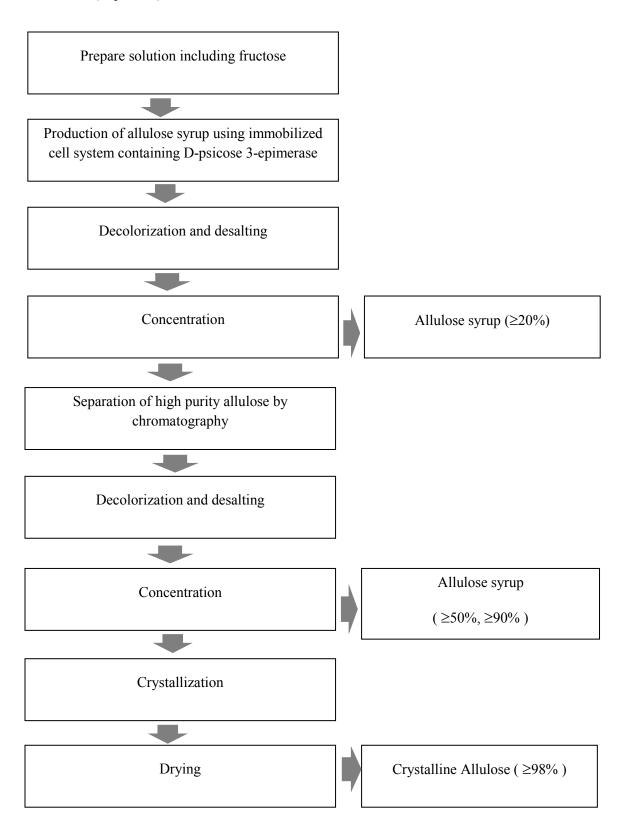


Figure 2. Flow Diagram of Manufacturing Process

2.C. Specifications of D-allulose

As shown in Tables 1-1 to 1-3 and 2-1 to 2-4, the only differences in composition and specification are found in the concentrations of D-allulose, excipients (glucose, fructose and dextrin) and moisture. Specifications for microbial and heavy metal content are the same for powder and liquid forms.

Table 1-1. Composition of Product 1

| Composition | Specification | Analytical Method |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Appearance | Clear yellow liquid | Visual |
| Odor | No odor | |
| D-allulose*, %, wt/wt | 20~25 | HPLC |
| D-fructose* | 68~73 | HPLC |
| D-glucose* | 4~6 | HPLC |
| Dextrin* (DS2~4) | 1~3 | HPLC |
| Protein | ND | AOAC 945.23 |
| Fat | ND | AOAC 996.06 |
| Moisture, %, wt/wt | ≤35 | AOAC 941.14 |
| Brix | ≥65 | Brix meter |
| pН | 3.0 - 7.0 | pH meter |
| Ash, %, wt/wt | ≤0.5 | AOAC 900.02 |
| Pb, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| As, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Cd, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Total plate count, CFU/g | ≤1,000 | AOAC 2002.07 |
| Coliforms | negative | AOAC 991.14 |
| Salmonella | negative | AOAC 989.14 |
| Staphylococcus aureus | negative | AOAC 987.09 |

^{*}Dry wt. basis; D-Allulose + D-Fructose = 93%; D-glucose + Dextrin = 7%; CFU=colony forming units; ND=not detected.

Table 1-2. Composition of Product 2

| Composition | Specification | Analytical Method |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Appearance | Clear yellow liquid | Visual |
| Odor | No odor | |
| D-allulose*, %, wt/wt | 50~55 | HPLC |
| D-fructose* | 40~45 | HPLC |
| D-glucose* | 1.5~4.0 | HPLC |
| Dextrin* (DS2~4) | 1.0~3.5 | HPLC |
| Protein | - | AOAC 945.23 |
| Fat | - | AOAC 996.06 |
| Moisture, %, wt/wt | ≤35 | AOAC 941.14 |
| Brix | ≥65 | Brix meter |
| рН | 3.0 - 7.0 | pH meter |

| Ash, %, wt/wt | ≤0.5 | AOAC 900.02 |
|--------------------------|----------|--------------|
| Pb, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| As, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Cd, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Total plate count, CFU/g | ≤1,000 | AOAC 2002.07 |
| Coliforms | negative | AOAC 991.14 |
| Salmonella | negative | AOAC 989.14 |
| Staphylococcus aureus | negative | AOAC 987.09 |

^{*}Dry wt. basis; D-Allulose + D-Fructose = 95%; D-glucose + Dextrin = 5%; CFU=colony forming units; ND=not detected.

Table 1-3. Composition of Product 3

| Composition | Specification | Analytical Method |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Appearance | Clear yellow liquid | Visual |
| Odor | No odor | |
| D-allulose*, %, wt/wt | ≥90 | HPLC |
| Protein | ND | AOAC945.23 |
| Fat | ND | AOAC996.06 |
| Moisture | ≤35 | AOAC 941.14 |
| Brix | ≥65 | Brix meter |
| pH | 3.0 - 7.0 | pH meter |
| Ash, %, wt/wt | ≤0.5 | AOAC 900.02 |
| Pb, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| As, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Cd, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Total plate count, CFU/g | ≤1,000 | AOAC 2002.07 |
| Coliforms | negative | AOAC 991.14 |
| Salmonella | negative | AOAC 989.14 |
| Staphylococcus aureus | negative | AOAC 987.09 |

^{*}Dry wt. basis; CFU=colony forming units; ND=not detected.

Table 2-1. Specifications of Product 1 (D-allulose Syrup)

| Composition | Specification | Analytical Method |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Appearance | Clear yellow liquid | Visual |
| Odor | No odor | |
| D-allulose*, %, wt/wt | ≥20 | HPLC |
| Moisture, %, wt/wt | ≤35 | AOAC 941.14 |
| Brix | ≥65 | Brix meter |
| pH | 3.0 - 7.0 | pH meter |
| Ash, %, wt/wt | ≤0.5 | AOAC 900.02 |
| Pb, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| As, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |

| Cd, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
|--------------------------|----------|--------------|
| Total plate count, CFU/g | ≤1,000 | AOAC 2002.07 |
| Coliforms | negative | AOAC 991.14 |
| Salmonella | negative | AOAC 989.14 |
| Staphylococcus aureus | negative | AOAC 987.09 |

^{*}Dry wt. basis; CFU=colony forming units.

Table 2-2. Specifications of Product 2 (D-allulose Syrup)

| Composition | Specification | Analytical Method |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Appearance | Clear yellow liquid | Visual |
| Odor | No odor | |
| D-allulose*, %, wt/wt | ≥50 | HPLC |
| Moisture, %, wt/wt | ≤35 | AOAC 941.14 |
| Brix | ≥65 | Brix meter |
| pН | 3.0 - 7.0 | pH meter |
| Ash, %, wt/wt | ≤0.5 | AOAC 900.02 |
| Pb, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| As, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Cd, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Total plate count, CFU/g | ≤1,000 | AOAC 2002.07 |
| Coliforms | negative | AOAC 991.14 |
| Salmonella | negative | AOAC 989.14 |
| Staphylococcus aureus | negative | AOAC 987.09 |

^{*}Dry wt. basis; CFU=colony forming units.

Table 2-3. Specifications of Product 3 (D-allulose Syrup)

| Composition | Specification | Analytical Method |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Appearance | Clear yellow liquid | Visual |
| Odor | No odor | |
| D-allulose*, %, wt/wt | ≥90 | HPLC |
| Moisture | ≤35 | AOAC 941.14 |
| Brix | ≥65 | Brix meter |
| pH | 3.0 - 7.0 | pH meter |
| Ash, %, wt/wt | ≤0.5 | AOAC 900.02 |
| Pb, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| As, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Cd, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Total plate count, CFU/g | ≤1,000 | AOAC 2002.07 |
| Coliforms | negative | AOAC 991.14 |
| Salmonella | negative | AOAC 989.14 |
| Staphylococcus aureus | negative | AOAC 987.09 |

^{*}Dry wt. basis; CFU=colony forming units.

Table 2-4. Specifications of Product 4 (Crystalline D-allulose, ≥98%)

| Composition | Specification | Analytical Method |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Appearance | Powder | Visual |
| Odor | No odor | |
| D-allulose*, %, wt/wt | ≥98 | HPLC |
| Moisture, %, wt/wt | ≤2 | AOAC 941.14 |
| pH | 3.0 - 7.0 | pH meter |
| Ash, %, wt/wt | ≤0.1 | AOAC 900.02 |
| Pb, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| As, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Cd, ppm | ≤0.5 | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Total plate count, CFU/g | ≤1,000 | AOAC 2002.07 |
| Coliforms | negative | AOAC 991.14 |
| Salmonella | negative | AOAC 989.14 |
| Staphylococcus aureus | negative | AOAC 987.09 |

^{*}Dry wt. basis; CFU=colony forming units.

PART 3. DIETARY EXPOSURE

3.A. Food Sources of D-allulose

As shown in Table 3, D-allulose is a naturally occurring monosaccharide present in small quantities in food products, particularly in selected bakery products, sweets, and fruits (Oshima et al., 2006).

Table 3. D-allulose content in foods (adopted from Oshima et al., 2006)

| Item | mg/100 g food |
|--|---------------|
| Bakery products | |
| Sponge cake | 11.0 |
| Corn-snack | 47.0 |
| Rice cracker | 27.3 |
| Cookie | 26.7 |
| Brown sugar drop | 76.5 |
| Fried dough cake | 95.6 |
| Chocolate-chip cookie | 6.4 |
| Cereal | 2.2 |
| Dishes | |
| Fish broiled with soy | 39.1 |
| Simmered dishes of dried radish strips | 8.1 |
| Fermented soybeans | 7.8 |
| Seasonings and beverages | |
| Caramel sauce | 83.0 |
| Brown sugar | 71.1 |
| Meat sauce | 15.8 |
| Demiglace | 16.3 |
| Maple syrup | 57.9 |
| Ketchup | 39.8 |
| Worcester sauce | 130.6 |
| Coke | 38.3 |
| Coffee | 0.5 |
| Fruit juice | 21.5 |
| Tomato juice | 2.4 |
| Fruits | |
| Dried fig | 29.6 |
| Dried kiwi fruit | 9.4 |
| Raisin | 38.7 |
| Canned peaches | 1.5 |
| Can of mandarin oranges | 8.4 |
| Canned cherries | 2.0 |

3.B. Intended Use

Intended use and use levels of Samyang Corp.'s D-allulose have been adopted from GRN 498 and GRN 400. SamYang Corp. proposes to use D-allulose as a sugar substitute in food applications at use levels ranging from 2 to 100%. As shown in Table 4, intended applications include: bakery products (rolls, cakes, pastries, cakes, low calorie or dietetics), beverages (nonalcoholic, low or reduced calorie, sugar free); cereals; chewing gums; confections and frostings; frozen dairy desserts (ice cream, soft serve, sorbet) (low calorie, reduced calorie, sugar-free); yogurt and frozen yogurt (low calorie, reduced calorie, sugar-free); dressings for salads; gelatins, pudding and fillings (low calorie, reduced calorie, sugar-free); gelatins, pudding and fillings (low calorie, reduced calorie, sugar-free); hard and soft candies (low calorie, reduced calorie, sugarfree); jams and jellies; sugar; sugar substitutes; sweet sauces and syrups (low calorie, reduced calorie, sugar-free) and fat based cream. Please note that intended use and use levels are mostly adopted from GRN 498 which completely replaced sugars (100%) in some bakery products (GRN 498 listed some bakery products in the sugar category and that GRN 400 used up to 10% D-allulose in some bakery products. Thus, we have mostly adopted the intended use and use levels from GRN 498 and have added the food category which is not included in GRN 498, but in GRN 400.

Samyang Corp. does not intend to use D-allulose as a component of infant formula or in foods under the USDA's jurisdiction such as meat, poultry, and egg products.

Table 4. Intended Use and Maximum Use Levels of D-allulose, % (w/w)

| | Maximum use |
|---|-----------------|
| Food category | levels, % (w/w) |
| Bakery products (rolls, cakes, pastries, cakes, low calorie or dietetics) | 10-100 |
| Beverages (non-alcoholic), low calorie, reduced calorie, sugar-free | 3.5 |
| Cereals, regular | 2 |
| Cereals, low calorie, reduced calorie, sugar-free | 5 |
| Chewing gum | 50 |
| Confections and frostings | 5 |
| Frozen dairy desserts (ice cream, soft serve, sorbet), low calorie, reduced | 5 |
| calorie, sugar-free | |
| Yogurt and frozen yogurt, low calorie, reduced calorie, sugar-free | 5 |
| Dressings for salads | 5 |
| Gelatins, pudding and fillings, low calorie, reduced calorie, sugar-free | 10 |
| Hard candies, low calorie, reduced calorie, sugar-free | 50 |
| Soft candies, low calorie, reduced calorie, sugar-free | 25 |
| Jams and jellies | 10 |
| Sugar | 10 |
| Sugar substitutes | 100 |
| Sweet sauces and syrups, low calorie, reduced calorie, sugar-free | 10 |
| Fat-based cream (used in modified fat/calorie cookies, cakes, pastries, | 5 |
| and pie) | |

3.C. Estimated Daily Intakes (EDIs) of Naturally Occurring D-allulose from the Diet

The D-allulose level in each food is not listed in the USDA food composition tables or the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) databases. Using the dietary content of D-allulose available from the studies of Oshima et al. (2006; Table 3), the EDIs from the diet were estimated. The mean and 90th percentile EDIs of users are 94.8 and 260.7 mg D-allulose/person/day. These values are comparable to the EDI value of 206 mg/person/day, which was reported by Oshima et al. (2006) by assuming a daily diet consisting of fruit cereal, fruit juice, Bolognese spaghetti, crème caramel, coke, hamburger, and fruit cocktail.

Table 5-1. Intake of Naturally Occurring Allulose from the Diet (all users)

| Age, y | N | | mg/person/day | | | mg/kg bw/day | | | - | Body wt., kg | |
|-----------|------|-------|---------------|-------|------|--------------|------|------|------|--------------|-----|
| | | Mean | SE | P 90 | SE | Mean | SE | P 90 | SE | Mean | SE |
| All gende | r | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1-99 y | 8126 | 94.8 | 2.5 | 260.7 | 12.2 | 1.46 | 0.04 | 3.97 | 0.12 | 72.0 | 0.4 |
| 1-6 y | 1155 | 47.0 | 2.3 | 117.1 | 10.7 | 2.86 | 0.16 | 6.93 | 0.55 | 17.6 | 0.2 |
| 7-12 y | 1074 | 55.2 | 3.3 | 141.0 | 3.4 | 1.54 | 0.09 | 3.66 | 0.26 | 40.5 | 0.8 |
| 13-19 y | 1009 | 99.8 | 6.7 | 271.6 | 10.8 | 1.53 | 0.11 | 4.36 | 0.30 | 67.7 | 1.2 |
| 20+ y | 4800 | 104.0 | 3.0 | 283.2 | 11.7 | 1.28 | 0.04 | 3.52 | 0.16 | 81.9 | 0.5 |
| Males | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13-19 y | 514 | 103.8 | 11.0 | 284.0 | 16.6 | 1.53 | 0.15 | 4.44 | 0.39 | 72.5 | 1.2 |
| 20+ y | 2393 | 120.7 | 6.0 | 295.8 | 22.5 | 1.39 | 0.07 | 3.89 | 0.20 | 88.3 | 0.6 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13-19 y | 495 | 95.2 | 14.3 | 225.2 | 34.7 | 1.52 | 0.22 | 4.06 | 0.77 | 62.5 | 1.5 |
| 20+ y | 2407 | 88.2 | 3.8 | 258.9 | 14.8 | 1.18 | 0.04 | 3.26 | 0.17 | 75.8 | 0.6 |

BW=body weight; P90=90th percentile; Based on NHANES 2011-2014.

Table 5-2. Intake of Naturally Occurring Allulose from the Diet (total population)

| Age, y | N | | mg/pe | rson/day | | mg/kg bw/day | | | - | Body wt., kg | |
|------------|------|-------|-------|----------|------|--------------|------|------|------|--------------|-----|
| | | Mean | SE | P 90 | SE | Mean | SE | P 90 | SE | Mean | SE |
| All gender | r | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1-99 y | 8126 | 84.5 | 2.3 | 233.8 | 14.9 | 1.30 | 0.04 | 3.69 | 0.15 | 72.0 | 0.4 |
| 1-6 y | 1243 | 44.4 | 2.2 | 116.31 | 10.8 | 2.71 | 0.15 | 6.89 | 0.56 | 17.6 | 0.2 |
| 7-12 y | 1074 | 48.8 | 3.0 | 136.0 | 4.8 | 1.36 | 0.08 | 3.45 | 0.13 | 40.5 | 0.8 |
| 13-19 y | 1009 | 82.6 | 9.4 | 245.5 | 19.8 | 1.27 | 0.12 | 3.89 | 0.30 | 67.7 | 1.2 |
| 20+ y | 4800 | 92.9 | 2.8 | 274.2 | 12.2 | 1.15 | 0.03 | 3.30 | 0.17 | 81.9 | 0.5 |
| Males | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13-19 y | 514 | 89.9 | 9.8 | 280.0 | 13.9 | 1.33 | 0.13 | 4.40 | 0.48 | 72.5 | 1.2 |
| 20+ y | 2393 | 107.5 | 5.1 | 285.4 | 17.0 | 1.24 | 0.06 | 3.59 | 0.24 | 88.3 | 0.6 |
| Females | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13-19 y | 495 | 74.9 | 12.4 | 198.6 | 22.4 | 1.20 | 0.21 | 3.39 | 0.79 | 62.5 | 1.5 |
| 20+ y | 2407 | 79.1 | 3.5 | 216.1 | 13.6 | 1.06 | 0.04 | 3.00 | 0.13 | 75.8 | 0.6 |

BW=body weight; P90=90th percentile; Based on NHANES 2011-2014.

3.D. Exposure Estimates Under the Intended Use

3.D.1. EDI of D-allulose Under the Intended Use

The intended use of D-allulose is in the same food products and at levels proportional to those mentioned in the GRN 498 and GRN 400. The results of the EDI assessment are summarized in the two tables below. The first table presents the results of the mean of the population as well as the 90th percentile in g/day, and the second in g/kg bw/day. Since intended use and use levels combined those described in GRN 498 and 400, the EDIs in this GRAS determination are estimated to be slightly higher than those described in the two GRAS notices. However, EDIs presented in this GRAS notice are within the safe intake levels. These results reveal an average maximum exposure would occur in males greater than 19 years of age, with a 90th percentile value of 36.3 g/day or 0.39 g/kg bw/day. On a body weight basis, children aged 2-12 years had shown the highest 90th percentile EDI at 0.50 g/kg bw/day. All subpopulation groups had the EDIs below 0.5 g/kg bw/day. The toxicity data reveals an LD50 of 15.8-16.3 g/kg bw, indicating that even at the highest exposure, D-allulose is not a safety risk.

These estimates are highly optimistic since it is not likely that D-allulose will be used at maximum levels for all food categories under the intended uses. Also, food wastes should be considered. Overall, intended use will result in EDIs at levels significantly below those associated with any potential side effects.

Table 6-1. Maximum EDIs of D-allulose, g/day * (assuming all the foods will be used at the maximum use levels)

| , | | Per User (g/day) | | Per Cap | ita (g/day) |
|---------------------|---------|------------------|------------------|---------|------------------|
| | | | 90 th | | 90 th |
| Population | N-user* | Mean | Percentile | Mean | Percentile |
| US 2+ y | 13,455 | 11.0 | 30.0 | 8.6 | 24.8 |
| Infants < 2 y | 536 | 0.8 | 2.6 | 1.7 | 4.1 |
| Children 2-12 y | 3,223 | 5.2 | 14.2 | 4.1 | 12.0 |
| Adolescents 13-18 y | 1,283 | 7.6 | 16.7 | 5.1 | 14.6 |
| Males 19+ y | 4,178 | 13.0 | 36.3 | 9.8 | 29.0 |
| Females 19+ y | 4,771 | 12.7 | 32.6 | 10.0 | 29.3 |

^{*} Based on NHANES 2007-10

Table 6-2. Maximum EDIs of D-allulose, g/kg bw/day (assuming all the foods will be used at the maximum use levels) NHANES 2007-10

| | | Per | User | Per Capita | | |
|---------------------|---------|---------|------------------|------------|--------------------|--|
| | | (g/kg b | ow/day) | (g/kg) | bw/day) | |
| | | | 90 th | | 90^{th} | |
| Population | N-user* | Mean | Percentile | Mean | Percentile | |
| US 2+ y | 13,455 | 0.16 | 0.42 | 0.12 | 0.35 | |
| Infants < 2 y | 536 | 0.08 | 0.24 | 0.15 | 0.42 | |
| Children 2-12 y | 3,223 | 0.19 | 0.50 | 0.15 | 0.42 | |
| Adolescents 13-18 y | 1,283 | 0.12 | 0.29 | 0.08 | 0.24 | |
| Males 19+ y | 4,178 | 0.14 | 0.39 | 0.11 | 0.31 | |
| Females 19+ y | 4,771 | 0.16 | 0.44 | 0.13 | 0.38 | |

^{*} Based on NHANES 2007-2010. BW=body weight.

3.D.2. EDI of Other Components Under the Intended Use

Two D-allulose syrup products (Products 1 and 2) contain other nutrients such as fructose and glucose. Glucose is subjected to 21CFR 184.1277and 168.120. Fructose (in the form of high fructose corn syrup) is subjected to 21CFR 184.1866. Thus, we have not calculated the EDIs of these nutrients from the diet.

PART 4. SELF-LIMITING LEVELS OF USE

No known self-limiting levels of use are associated with the D-allulose ingredient.

D-Allulose (D-psicose)

PART 5. THE HISTORY OF CONSUMPTION OF THE SUBSTANCE FOR FOOD USE BY A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF CONSUMERS (OR ANIMALS IN THE CASE OF ANIMAL FOOD) PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1958.

Not applicable.

PART 6. BASIS FOR OUR CONCLUSION OF GRAS STATUS

6.A. Current Regulatory Status

The FDA has received two GRAS notices related to food uses of D-allulose (GRN 400 submitted by CJ CheilJedang, Inc., 2011; GRN 498 submitted by Matsutani Chemical, 2014). In these GRAS notices, toxicity-related studies on D-allulose from the literature were presented that support the safety of use of D-allulose. The FDA did not question the acceptability and suitability of these studies to establish the safety of D-allulose for the proposed food uses. The FDA did not have questions on the summary of safety, concluding that D-allulose intake of less than 0.5 g/kg bw/day is safe. Table 4 summarizes previous GRAS notices and the current notice for D-allulose.

Table 7. Summary of Previous and the Current GRAS Notices

| GRN | Company | Intended use | EDI, 90 th pctl for all users |
|----------------|-------------------|--|--|
| 400 | CJ CehilJedang | As a sugar substitute in dietetic or low calorie bakery products, chewing gums, fat-based cream used in modified fat/calorie cookies, cakes and pastries, low calorie hard candies including pressed candy and mints, low calorie frozen dairy desserts, low calorie carbonated beverages, reduced and low calorie non-carbonated beverages, sugar substitutes, low calorie yogurt, medical foods, ready-to-eat cereals (<5% sugar), and coffee mix. | 28.5 g/person/day or 0.36 g/kg bw/day |
| 498 | Matsutani | As a sugar substitute in food applications at use levels ranging from 2 to 100%. | 24.8 g/person/day (0.33 g/kg bw/day |
| Present notice | Samyang Corp. | As a sugar substitute in food applications at use levels ranging from 2 to 100%. | 30 g/person/day or 0.42 g/kg bw/day |

bw= body weight; GRAS= generally recognized as safe; pctl=percentile.

The pertinent information is available as indicated below:

GRN 400: http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/fdcc/index.cfm?set=GRASNotices&id=400. GRN 498: http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/fdcc/index.cfm?set=GRASNotices&id=498.

6.B. Intended Technical Effects

D-allulose will be used as a food ingredient for low calorie and/or dietetic foods due to its technological properties (e.g., functions as a sweetener, humectant, and flavor modifier) and nutritional benefits (such as low calorie and glycemic control).

6.C. Review of Safety Data

As noted above, the FDA has had no question on two GRAS notices related to food uses of D-allulose. The FDA did not have questions on the summary of safety concluding that D-allulose intake up to 0.5 - 0.6 g/kg bw/day is safe. Since the specifications for the liquid and powder forms of D-allulose in this notice are similar to those described in GRN 400 and 498, the metabolism and safety data and other pertinent information discussed in GRN 400 and 498 are applicable to the safety of D-allulose in this GRAS notice. The information is hereby incorporated by reference in these documents and will not be discussed in detail.

Since the FDA's review of GRNs 400 and 498 (GRN 400, FDA, 2012; GRN 498, FDA, 2014), five animal studies were published; one metabolism (Tsukamoto et al., 2014) and four efficacy studies (Hossaine et al., 2015; Itoh et al., 2015; Nagata et al., 2015; Ochiai et al., 2014). Findings from these studies were not inconsistent with the agency's prior decision.

6.C.1. Metabolism

A study published since the FDA's decision of 2014 confirmed the previous findings that D-allulose was rapidly excreted through urine (Tsukamoto et al., 2014). Following oral administration, D-allulose is partly absorbed in the digestive tract and enters the bloodstream. The maximum blood concentration ($48.5\pm15.6~\mu g/g$) was observed at 1 hour. Excretion via urine was 20% within 1 hour and 33% within 2 hours (Tsukamoto et al., 2014). Accumulation in organs was detected only in the liver. Following intravenous administration, blood concentration of D-allulose was decreased with the half-life of 57 minutes, and the excretion via urine reached almost 50% within 1 hour. Seven days after the single-dose oral administration, the remaining amounts in the whole body was less than 1%.

Previously reviewed studies reported that about 98% of intravenously administered D-allulose is excreted in the urine within 6 h (Whistler et al., 1974). When orally ingested, urinary excretion of unchanged D-allulose ranged from 11 to 25% (Matsuo et al., 2003). The data indicate that D-allulose absorbed in the small intestine may pass into the bloodstream and be excreted in the urine without being significantly metabolized (Matsuo et al., 2003). Unabsorbed D-allulose is fermented to short chain fatty acids (SCFA) by intestinal microflora in the colon (Noda and Oh, 1992) or is excreted in the feces (Matsuo et al., 2004).

6.C.2. Animal Toxicity Studies

Since the FDA's last review of D-allulose in 2012-2014 (GRNs 400 and 498; U.S. FDA, 2012 and 2014, respectively), one new paper has been published (Nishi et al., 2016a). This study reported that a single oral dose of 1 or 4 g/kg bw did not cause any treatment-related abnormalities in dogs. All dogs were active and had a good appetite throughout the study period. Blood glucose concentration slightly decreased without a rise in plasma insulin concentration 2 h after D-allulose administration. Plasma alkaline phosphatase activities showed a mild increase between 12 and 48 h after D-allulose administration. These data suggested that a single oral dose of D-allulose does not show severe toxicity in dogs.

Previous reviews included the LD_{50} value of D-allulose in rats at 15.8-16.3 g/kg bw (Matsuo et al., 2002). Subacute toxicity studies (up to 34 days) in rats showed that D-allulose concentration of up to 20% of the diet did not show adverse effects (Table 4; Matsuo et al., 2002). A 90 day

subchronic toxicity study reported the no observed adverse effect level (NOAEL) for D-allulose as 3% of diet, the highest level tested (Matsuo et al., 2012). A 12-18 month chronic toxicity study showed that D-allulose at the dose of 3% D-allulose in the diet (or 1,280 mg/kg bw/day), the highest level tested, did not show adverse effects (Yagi and Matsuo, 2009).

In summary, D-allulose, like other monosaccharides, belongs to the group that has the lowest toxicity rating and is classified as an ordinary carbohydrate substance. Thus, the use of D-allulose in foods and beverages is not expected to pose a safety concern.

Table 8. Summary of Animal Toxicity Studies Referenced in GRNs 400 and 498

| Species | Dosage | Duration | Primary endpoints and NOAEL | Reference |
|-------------------------|---|-----------------|--|--------------------------|
| Dogs | 1 and 4 g/kg bw | Single dose | Acute toxicity-food intake and selected clinical chemistry | Nishi et al., 2016a |
| Male rats | 8, 11, 14, 17, and 20 g/kg bw (D-allulose in water) | Single dose | Acute toxicity- LD ₅₀ , 16.3 g/kg bw | Matsuo et al., 2002 |
| Young rats | 10, 20, 30, and 40% in the diet | 34 days | Feed intake, wt. gain, and organ wt.; NOAEL-up to 20% in the diet (corresponding to 10,000 mg/kg bw/day) | Matsuo et al., 2002 |
| Male Wistar rats | 3% in the diet | 90 days | Feed intake, wt gain, organ wt., serum biochemistry, hematology, and histology; NOAEL- 3% in diet, the highest level tested | Matsuo et al., 2012 |
| 36 Male rats, Wistar | 3% in the diet or 1,280 mg/kg bw/d (control, 3% sucrose) | 12-18 months | Feed and energy intakes, wt. gain, organ wt., digestive tract size, serum biochemistry, hematology, and histology; NOAEL- 1,280 mg/kg bw/day, the highest level tested | Yagi and Matsuo, 2009 |

bw= body weight; NOAEL= no observed adverse effect level; wt= weight.

6.C.3. Animal Efficacy Studies Reporting No Adverse Effects of D-allulose

Since the FDA's last review of D-allulose (GRNs 400 and 498; U.S. FDA, 2012 and 2014, respectively), four animal efficacy studies were published based on the repeat dose administration of D-allulose at high dietary concentrations for long durations (Table 6; Han et al., 2016; Hossain et al., 2015; Itoh et al., 2015; Nagata et al., 2015; Nishi et al., 2016b; Ochiai et al., 2014). No studies reported results inconsistent with the FDA's prior reviews of 2012-2014. Although these studies were designed to investigate the efficacy of D-allulose on various health parameters, several safety-related endpoints were obtained during the experiments. Therefore, these studies are reviewed below as additional supporting information.

Recent efficacy studies showed that D-allulose at the level of up to 5% in the diet (corresponding to up to 2,500 mg/kg bw/day) did not cause any adverse effects on food efficiency, glucose metabolism, lipid metabolism, inflammatory biomarkers, body fat accumulation, and/or histopatholgical parameters (Han et al., 2016; Hossain et al., 2015; Itoh et al., 2015; Nagata et al., 2015; Nishi et al., 2016b; Ochiai et al., 2014).

Nishi et al. (2016b) reported that oral administration of D-allulose (0.2 g/kg bw) decreased plasma glucose concentrations after oral glucose or maltose administration, with a diminished plasma insulin rise in dogs. However, D-allulose showed no effect on plasma glucose and insulin concentrations after feeding. The data suggest that D-allulose administration may be beneficial in dogs with impaired glucose tolerance.

In a study by Han et al. (2016), mice were fed a high fat diet with or without various sugar substitutes (d-glucose, d-fructose, erytritol, or D-allulose, n=10 per group) for 16 wk. Body weight and fat-pad mass in the D-allulose group were dramatically lowered to that of the normal group with a simultaneous decrease in plasma leptin and resistin concentrations. d-allulose lowered plasma and hepatic lipids while elevating fecal lipids. In the liver, activities of both fatty acid synthase and β -oxidation were downregulated by D-allulose to that of the normal group; however, in WAT, fatty acid synthase was decreased while β -oxidation activity was enhanced. No adverse effects of D-allulose were reported.

Long-term administration (60 weeks) of D-allulose at a dose of 5% of the diet prevented the commencement and progression of type 2 diabetes through the maintenance of blood glucose levels and the control of postprandial hyperglycemia with decreased levels of HbA $_{1c}$ (by ~50%) in comparison to control rats (Hossaine et al., 2015). This improvement in glycemic control was accompanied by the maintenance of plasma insulin levels and the preservation of pancreatic β -cells with a significant reduction in inflammatory markers. In the control group, the glucose levels started to increase slowly from 25 weeks and then sharply until 60 weeks, whereas in the allulose group the glucose levels started to increase slightly from 45 weeks and remained constant until 60 weeks. By the end of 60 weeks, the fasting blood glucose concentrations in the psicose group were approximately 35% lower than that of the control group. Body fat accumulation, in particular adipose tissue, was lower (by ~25-30%) in the treatment group, with decreased infiltration of macrophages in the abdominal adipose tissue. No adverse effects of D-allulose were reported.

The study by Itoh et al. (2015) also reported anti-obesity effects of D-allulose (0, 2.5, or 5% of the diet or 1,500-2,000 or 3,000-4,000 mg/kg bw/day) in inherited leptin-deficient ob/ob mice. Wild type C57BL/6J mice were used as an animal control (0% D-allulose). The results of this study showed that subchronic ingestion for 15 weeks significantly decreased body weights (by ~20%), liver weights (by ~6%), and total fat mass (by ~7%), including abdominal visceral fat (by ~5%) in the 5% allulose group. During the 15-week period, the total calorie intake of the 5% D-allulose treatment significantly decreased by 10% compared to that observed in both the control and 2.5% D-allulose groups. Furthermore, D-allulose improved hepatic steatosis as evaluated using hepatic histological evaluation and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). In control mice, fat deposition produced a severely damaged liver histology presenting as remarkable ballooning degeneration. The ballooning degeneration and hepatic steatosis improved after the subchronic ingestion of D-allulose. The authors concluded that D-allulose may be useful

as a supplement for preventing and improving obesity and obesity-related disorders. No adverse effects of D-allulose were reported.

In a study by Nagata et al. (2015), effects of D-allulose on lipid metabolism were evaluated. Rats were fed diets with or without 3% D-allulose for 4 weeks. In experiment 1, feeding D-allulose significantly decreased body weight by approximately 5%, but not food intake. Liver enzyme activities involved in lipogenesis were significantly lowered by the D-allulose diet, whereas gene expression of a transcriptional modulator of fatty acid oxidation was enhanced. Rats fed D-allulose had significantly lower serum insulin and leptin levels. In experiment 2, feeding the D-allulose diet resulted in significantly lower body weight (389 \pm 3 vs. 426 \pm 6 g, p < 0.05) and food intake (23.8 \pm 0.2 vs. 25.7 \pm 0.4 g/day, p < 0.05) compared to the control diet. Rats fed the D-allulose diet had significantly higher energy expenditure in the light period and fat oxidation in the dark period compared to rats fed the control diet, whereas carbohydrate oxidation was lower. The results indicate that the D-allulose diet decreased lipogenesis, increased fatty acid oxidation, and enhanced 24 h energy expenditure, leading to D-allulose's potential for weight management. No adverse effects of D-allulose were reported.

These studies confirmed the previous findings that D-allulose at the level of up to 5% in the diet did not cause treatment-related abnormalities on measured outcomes (Table 6; Baek et al., 2010; Chung et al., 2012a; Hossain et al., 2012; Matsuo et al., 2001a, 2001b; Matsuo and Izumori, 2004, 2006, 2009; Ochiai et al., 2013).

Animal efficacy studies are summarized in Table 9. None of the animal efficacy studies reported adverse effects of D-allulose. For these 'pivotal' studies, the dose levels represent the maximum doses administered, rather than absolute safety endpoints.

Table 9. Animal Efficacy Studies Reporting No Adverse Effects of D-allulose

| Species | Dosage | Length | Primary endpoints | Reference | | |
|-------------|--------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|---------------|--|--|
| Recent Anin | Recent Animal Efficacy Studies | | | | | |
| Dogs | 0.2 g/kg bw | Single | Blood glucose and insulin parameters | Nishi et al., | | |
| | | dose | | 2016b | | |
| Mice | 5% of high fat | | Body weight, plasma concentrations | Han et al., | | |
| | diet | | of leptin and resistin, plasma and | 2016 | | |
| | | | hepatic levels of lipids, and fecal | | | |
| | | | excretion of lipids | | | |
| Young | 5% of high | 8 weeks | Feed intake, wt. gain, clinical | Ochiai et | | |
| male | sucrose diet | | chemistry, energy expenditure, and | al., 2014 | | |
| Wistar rats | or control diet | | body fat accumulation | | | |
| Diabetic | 5% of diet | 60 weeks | Body weight gain, glucose | Hossain et | | |
| rats | | | metabolism, inflammatory | al., 2015 | | |
| | | | biomarkers, and abdominal fat | | | |
| | | | deposition. | | | |
| Rat, | 3% of diet | 4 weeks | Lipid metabolism (serum and liver | Nagata et | | |
| Sprague | | | lipid levels, liver enzyme activity, | al., 2015 | | |
| Dawley | | | and gene expression) | | | |

| Mice | 0, 2.5, or 5% | 15 weeks | Body and fat weights, liver weights, | Itoh et al., |
|------------------------|----------------------|-------------|---|--------------|
| (ob/ob and | of diet | | and hepatic steatosis | 2015 |
| wild type C57BL/6J) | | | | |
| | l erenced in GRNs | 400 and 409 | 2 | |
| Rat, | 5% of high fat | 8 weeks | Feed intake, wt. gain, liver wt., | Chung et |
| Sprague- | diet | o weeks | visceral fat mass, blood lipid profile | al., 2012a |
| Dawley | dict | | viscerar rat mass, brood ripid prome | ui., 2012u |
| Male | 5% of high | 8 weeks | Body weight, food intakes, | Ochiai et |
| Wistar rats | sucrose diet | | organ wt., serum clinical chemistry, | al., 2013 |
| | or high starch | | liver triglycerides, carbohydrates and | |
| | diet | | glycogen, and body fat | |
| Diabetic | 5% of diet | 13 weeks | Body weight, glucose metabolism, | Hossain et |
| rats | | | inflammatory biomarkers, and | al., 2012 |
| | | | abdominal fat deposition. | |
| Male mice | 0.2 g/kg bw/d | 4 weeks | Glycemic responses, insulin release, | Baek et al., |
| | | | and blood lipid profiles, 0.2 g/kg | 2010 |
| 24 Male | 5% in the | 16 weeks | bw/day | Matsuo and |
| rats, | high (25%) | 10 weeks | Body weight, energy intake, body fat, organ wt., glucose tolerance, serum | Izumori, |
| Wistar | and low fat | | adipocytokine concentrations | 2004 |
| Wistai | (5%) diets | | (adiponectin, tumor necrosis factor | 2004 |
| | (370) areas | | alpha, leptin), and liver glycogen and | |
| | | | triglycerides. | |
| Male rat | 5% in the diet | 3 weeks | Body fat and lipid metabolism | Matsuo et |
| | | | | al., 2001a |
| Male rat | 5% in the diet | 4 weeks | Body fat and lipid metabolism | Matsuo et |
| | | | | al., 2001b |
| Male rat | 5% in the diet | 8 weeks | Body fat and glycemic responses | Matsuo and |
| | | | | Izumori, |
| 3.5.1 | 2 000 " | a: t | | 2006 |
| Male rat | 2,000 mg/kg | Single | Body fat and glycemic responses | Matsuo and |
| | bw | dose | | Izumori, |
| | | | | 2009 |

bw= body weight; d= day

6.C.4. Human Clinical Studies

Since the FDA's last review of D-allulose in 2014 (GRNs 400 and 498; U.S. FDA, 2012 and 2014, respectively), no new literature has been published. Several human clinical studies previously reviewed reported no adverse effects of D-allulose (Table 6; Hayashi et al., 2010; Iida et al., 2007, 2008, 2010). Like non-digestible oligosaccharides and fiber ingredients, the only known side effect of D-allulose is gastrointestinal discomfort when ingested in large quantities. Even if gastrointestinal discomfort is noted when consumed in large quantities of D-allulose, it is not considered to be of toxicological significance since this type of symptom is usually transient

and is often associated with ingestion of non-digestible carbohydrates including dietary fiber (IOM, 2002).

A clinical study showed that the maximum tolerable levels in humans were 0.5~g/kg bw/day for males and 0.6~g/kg bw/day for females, with the mean value of 0.55~g/kg bw/day. These dosages correspond to 33.3~g/day for a 67~kg Asian male and 31.0~g/day for a 52~kg Asian female (Iida et al., 2007). These dosages also correspond to 45 - 46~g/person/day for an average American adult aged 20~years or older.

Table 10. Human Clinical Studies Referenced in Previous GRNs

| Dosage | Length | Results | Reference |
|---------------------|-------------|--|-----------------|
| Up to 0.9 g/kg bw/d | 6 days | No gastrointestinal symptoms up to | Iida et al., |
| | | 0.5 - 0.6 g/kg bw/d | 2007 |
| 15 g/d (5 g in tea, | 12 weeks | Positive impact on glycemic responses; | Hayashi et al., |
| three times a day) | | no adverse effects were noted. | 2010 |
| 7.5 g in beverage | Single dose | Positive impact on glycemic and | Iida et al., |
| | | insulinemic responses; no adverse | 2008 |
| | | effects were noted. | |
| Up to 340 mg/kg bw | Single dose | Metabolism study; no adverse effects | Iida et al., |
| in beverage | | were noted. | 2010 |

bw= body weight; d=day

6.D. SUMMARY

6.D.1. Common Knowledge Element of the GRAS Determination

D-allulose has been safely used as a food ingredient around the world for a decade. As a result, a number of comprehensive reviews of the safety of D-allulose have been published (Chung et al., 2012b). In addition, the FDA has had no question on two GRAS notices related to the safety of D-allulose (GRN 400, FDA 2012; GRN 498, FDA, 2014).

6.D.2. Technical Element of the GRAS Determination (Safety Determination)

Numerous human and animal studies have reported benefits of D-allulose with no major adverse effects. Samyang Corp.'s D-allulose is manufactured under cGMP using common food industry materials and processes. Samyang Corp. uses a HACCP-controlled manufacturing process and rigorously tests its final production batches to verify adherence to quality control specifications. There is broad-based and widely disseminated knowledge concerning the chemistry of D-allulose. This GRAS determination is based on the data and information generally available and consented opinion about the safety of D-allulose. The literature indicates that D-allulose offers consumers benefits without adverse effects.

The following safety evaluation fully considers the composition, intake, nutritional, microbiological, and toxicological properties of D-allulose as well as appropriate corroborative data.

- 1. Analytical data from multiple lots indicate that D-allulose complies reliably with the established food-grade product specifications and meets all applicable purity standards.
- 2. Samyang Corp.'s D-allulose will be used as a sugar substitute and/or as a flavor modifier in food applications at use levels ranging from 2 to 100% in: selected bakery products (rolls, cakes, pastries, cakes, low calorie or dietetics), beverages (non-alcoholic, low or reduced calorie, sugar-free); cereals; chewing gums; confections and frostings; frozen dairy desserts (ice cream, soft serve, sorbet; low calorie, reduced calorie, sugar-free); yogurt and frozen yogurt (low calorie, reduced calorie, sugar-free); dressings for salads; gelatins, pudding and fillings (low calorie, reduced calorie, sugar-free); hard and soft candies (low calorie, reduced calorie, sugar-free); jams and jellies; sugar; sugar substitutes; sweet sauces and syrups (low calorie, reduced calorie, sugar-free) and fat based cream.
- 3. The LD₅₀ value of D-allulose in rats is 15.8-16.3 g/kg. A chronic toxicity study in rats showed that D-allulose at a dose of 1,280 mg/kg bw/day, the maximum level tested, did not show adverse effects. A 90 day subchronic toxicity study in rats reported the NOAEL for D-allulose as 3% of the diet, the highest level tested.
- 4. A human clinical study showed that the maximum tolerable levels in humans were 0.5 g/kg bw/day for males and 0.6 g/kg bw/day for females. The only side effect of non-digestible carbohydrates, including D-allulose, is gastrointestinal discomfort when ingested in large quantities. This type of symptom is usually transient and is not considered to be of toxicological significance (IOM, 2002).
- 5. The proposed food use results in exposure at levels below those associated with any adverse effects. The EDI assessments are based on the assumption that Samyang Corp.'s D-allulose will replace currently marketed D-allulose. Thus, cumulative exposures are not expected. In addition, the EDIs presented in this notice are highly amplified estimates.

- 6. In the previous GRAS notices (GRN 400 and 498) to the FDA, the safety of D-allulose has been established in animal toxicity studies and mutagenicity studies, and is further supported by human clinical studies.
- 7. Additional animal studies published subsequent to the FDA GRAS notices continue to support the safety of D-allulose as a food ingredient.

Overall, there are no indications of significant adverse effects related to D-allulose in the publicly available literature. Therefore, not only is the proposed use of D-allulose safe within the terms of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (meeting the standard of reasonable certainty of no harm), but because of this consensus among experts, it is also *Generally Recognized as Safe* (GRAS) according to Title 21 Code of Federal Regulations (21 CFR).

6.E. DISCUSSION OF INFORMATION INCONSISTENT WITH GRAS DETERMINATION

We are not aware of information that would be considered inconsistent with the finding that the proposed use of D-allulose preparations in foods and beverages, meeting appropriate specifications and used according to cGMP, is GRAS.

PART 7. DATA AND INFORMATION ARE GENERALLY AVAILABLE

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7.2. DATA AND INFORMATION ARE NOT GENERALLY AVAILABLE

Not applicable.

APPENDIX A. CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

1. Product 1. D-allulose syrup

| Composition | Lot 1 (2015.08.08) | Lot 2 (2015.08.09) | Lot 3 (2015.08.20) | Analytical Method |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Brix | 75 Brix (%) | , | , | Brixmeter |
| рН | 3.0 ~ 7.0 | | | pH meter |
| D-Allulose* | 24.63% | 25.16% | 25.04% | HPLC |
| Moisture | < 25% | | | AOAC941.14 |
| Fructose or other sugars* | 75.37% | 74.84% | 74.96% | HPLC |
| Total plate count | Negative | Negative | Negative | AOAC 2002.07 |
| Salmonella | Negative | Negative | Negative | AOAC 989.14 |
| Staphylococcus | Negative | Negative | Negative | AOAC 987.09 |
| Coliforms | Negative | Negative | Negative | AOAC 991.14 |
| Ash | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | AOAC 900.02 |
| Pb | 0.0095 ppm | 0.0048 ppm | 0.0063 ppm | AOAC 2015.01 |
| As | 0.0071 ppm | 0.0014 ppm | 0.0024 ppm | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Cd | 0.0020 ppm | 0.0011 ppm | 0.0027 ppm | AOAC 2015.01 |

^{*}Dry weight basis.

2. Product 2. D-allulose syrup

| Composition | Lot 1 (2015.09.15) | Lot 2 (2015.09.30) | Lot 3 (2015.10.20) | Analytical Method |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Brix | 75 Brix (%) | | | Brixmeter |
| рН | 3.0 ~ 7.0 | | | pH meter |
| D-Allulose* | 53.37% | 53.22% | 54.95% | HPLC |
| Moisture | < 25% | 1 | | AOAC941.14 |
| Fructose or other sugars* | 46.63% | 46.78% | 45.05% | HPLC |
| Total plate count | Negative | Negative | Negative | AOAC 2002.07 |
| Salmonella | Negative | Negative | Negative | AOAC 989.14 |
| Staphylococcus | Negative | Negative | Negative | AOAC 987.09 |
| Coliforms | Negative | Negative | Negative | AOAC 991.14 |
| Ash | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | AOAC 900.02 |
| Pb | 0.0040 ppm | 0.0033 ppm | 0.0074 ppm | AOAC 2015.01 |

| As | 0.0015 ppm | 0.0015 ppm | 0.0024 ppm | AOAC 2015.01 |
|----|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Cd | 0.0038 ppm | 0.0016 ppm | 0.0013 ppm | AOAC 2015.01 |

^{*}Dry weight basis.

3. Product 3. D-allulose syrup

| Composition | Lot 1 | Lot 2 | Lot 3 | Analytical Method |
|---------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|
| | (2015.09.15) | (2015.8.28) | (2015.10.06) | |
| Brix | 75 Brix (%) | | | Brixmeter |
| рН | 3.0 ~ 7.0 | 3.0 ~ 7.0 | | |
| D-Allulose* | 95.90% | 95.25% | 96.19% | HPLC |
| Moisture | < 25% | | 1 | AOAC 941.14 |
| Fructose or other sugars* | 4.10% | 4.75% | 3.81% | HPLC |
| Total plate count | Negative | Negative | Negative | AOAC 2002.07 |
| Salmonella | Negative | Negative | Negative | AOAC 989.14 |
| Staphylococcus | Negative | Negative | Negative | AOAC 987.09 |
| Coliforms | Negative | Negative | Negative | AOAC 991.14 |
| Ash | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | AOAC 900.02 |
| Pb | 0.0024 ppm | 0.0021 ppm | 0.0028 ppm | AOAC 2015.01 |
| As | 0.0011 ppm | 0.0006 ppm | 0.0018 ppm | AOAC 2015.01 |
| Cd | 0.0022 ppm | 0.0012 ppm | 0.0014 ppm | AOAC 2015.01 |

^{*}Dry weight basis.

4. Product 4-Crystalline **D-a**llulose, ≥98%

| Composition | Lot 1 (2015.09.15) | Lot 2 (2015.9.30) | Lot 3 (2015.10.20) | Analysis Method |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Moisture | 0.15% | 0.16% | 0.14% | AOAC 941.14 |
| D-Allulose* | 99.44% | 99.03% | 99.43% | HPLC |
| Fructose or other sugars* | 0.41% | 0.81% | 0.43% | HPLC |
| Total plate count | 2.0×10^2 | 2.7×10^2 | 2.0×10^2 | AOAC 2002.07 |
| Salmonella | Negative | Negative | Negative | AOAC 989.14 |
| Staphylococcus | Negative | Negative | Negative | AOAC 987.09 |
| Coliforms | Negative | Negative | Negative | AOAC 991.14 |
| Ash | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | AOAC 900.02 |
| Pb | 0.0065 ppm | 0.0054 ppm | 0.0017 ppm | AOAC 2015.01 |

| As | 0.0027 ppm | 0.0059 ppm | 0.0062 ppm | AOAC 2015.01 |
|----|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Cd | 0.0014 ppm | 0.0016 ppm | 0.0011 ppm | AOAC 2015.01 |

^{*}Dry weight basis.