

REGULATION AND APPROVAL OF LNC SWEETENERS

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Low and no-calorie sweeteners (LNC sweeteners) undergo greater regulatory scrutiny than many other food ingredients. They perform an important function providing a greater range of food choices to those who want to or need to limit their intake of calories by reducing the amount of sugar in the diet. In addition, they can be an important tool in providing appealing healthy food choices to the general population without increasing caloric intake. The presentation will cover the regulation and approval of LNC sweeteners in a variety of market areas (U.S., E.U., etc...) as well as consideration by the FAO/WHO Joint Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA), the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA and the Codex Alimentarius Commission. The presentation will include a high level overview of safety assessment processes as well as a discussion of the unique features of particular regulatory review processes.

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