Claims:

1. A mixture consisting essentially of the individual ingredients stevioside and rebaudioside A in a stevioside to rebaudioside A ratio of about 1:1 to about 4:1.

2. A mixture according to claim 1 wherein the ratio is about 2:1 to 3:1.

3. A mixture according to claim 1 or claim 2 in the form of a stevia extract.

4. A mixture according to claim 1 or claim 2 formed by mixing together stevioside and rebaudioside A in a ratio of 1:1 to 4:1, more particularly 2:1 to 3:1.

5. A consumable composition comprising a mixture according to any of the preceding claims, wherein said mixture is added at a concentration of less than 250 ppm, more particularly 150 ppm, or less more particularly 90 ppm or less, more particularly 60 ppm or less, more particularly 45 ppm or less, more particularly 40 or less, more particularly 35 ppm or less, more particularly 30 ppm or less .

6. A consumable composition according to claim 5 wherein the mixture is present in an amount of between 45 ppm and 30 ppm.

7. A consumable composition according to claim 5 or 6 wherein the mixture is added at a concentration at which it is at or near its sweetness detection threshold.

8. A consumable composition according to claim 7 wherein the mixture is added at a concentration at which it is iso-sweet with less than 1.25 % sucrose solution, more particularly iso-sweet with 1 % sucrose solution.

9. A consumable composition according to any of the claims 5 to 8 additionally comprising a sweetener.

10. A consumable composition according to claim 9 wherein the sweetener is selected from the group consisting of sweetener is selected from the group consisting of sucrose, fructose, glucose, high fructose corn syrup, corn syrup, xylose, arabinose, rhamnose, erythritol, xylitol, mannitol, sorbitol, inositol, acesulfame potassium, aspartame, neotame, sucralose, and saccharine.

11. A consumable composition according to claim 9 or claim 10 wherein the sweetener is present in an amount of 0.0001 % to 15 % by weight of said composition.

12. A consumable composition according to any of the claims 5 through 11 comprising one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of trilobatin, hesperetin dihydrochalcone glucoside, naringin dihydrochalcone, mogroside V, Luo Han Guo extract, rubusoside, rubus extract, glycyphyllin, isomogroside V, mogroside IV, siamenoside I, neomogroside, mukurozioside IIb, (+)-hernandulcin, 4β-hydroxyhernandulcin, baiyunoside, phlomisoside I, bryodulcoside, bryoside bryonoside, abrusosides A-E, cyclocarioside A, cyclocaryoside I, albiziasaponins A-E, glycyrrhizin, araboglycyrrhizin, periandrins I-V, pterocaryosides A and B, osladin, polypodosides A and B, telosmoside A8-18, phyllodulcin, huangqioside E neoastilbin, monatin, 3-acetoxy-5,7-dihydroxy-4'-methoxyflavanone, 2*R*,3*R*-(+)-3-Acetoxy-5,7,4'-trihydroxyflavanone, (2*R*,3*R*)-dihydroquercetin 3-*O*-acetate, dihydroquercetin 3-*O*-acetate 4'-methyl ether, brazzein, curculin, mabinlin, monellin, neoculin, pentadin, thaumatin or combinations thereof.

13. A method of forming a mixture defined in any of the claims 1 through 4 compring the step of mixing stevioside and rebaudioside A in the ratio of 1:1 to 4:1, more particularly 2:1 to 3:1.

14. .A method of sweetening a consumable composition according to any of the claims 5 through 12, comprising the step of adding thereto a mixture as defined in any of the claims 1 through 4 at a concentration of less than 250 ppm, more particularly 150 ppm, or less more particularly 90 ppm or less, more particularly 60 ppm or less, more particularly 45 ppm or less, more particularly 40 or less, more particularly 35 ppm or less, more particularly 30 ppm or less .

15. A method according to claim 14 wherein the mixture is present in an amount of between 45 ppm and 30 ppm.

16. A method according to claim 14 or 15 wherein the mixture is added at a concentration at which it is at or near its sweetness detection threshold.

17. A method according to claim 14 through 16 wherein the mixture is added at a concentration at which it is iso-sweet with less than 1.25 % sucrose solution, more particularly iso-sweet with 1 % sucrose solution.

Claims

1. An invention not claimed in any divisional application.