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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

### *Addendum*

The following communication, received on 18 September 2025, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Canada.

#### Modification to the Lists of Permitted Food Additives to revise certain permitted uses of aluminum-containing food additives

Health Canada's Food and Nutrition Directorate is implementing most of the changes outlined in the *Proposal to revise certain permitted uses of aluminum-containing food additives* (<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/notice-proposal-revise-certain-permitted-uses-aluminum-containing-food-additives/document.html>) (reference number: NOP/ADP-0040). These changes aim to keep Canadian's dietary exposure to aluminum within acceptable limits and to update permitted uses based on current industry needs, including the removal of uses that are no longer required. Certain proposed changes have been revised based on feedback received from industry.

Most changes will come into effect on 20 October 2025, except for the removal of potassium aluminum sulphate as a firming agent in pickles and relishes. The modification to remove the permitted use of potassium aluminum sulphate as a firming agent in pickles and relishes will be made to the relevant list on 1 January 2028, in alignment with the next compliance date set out in the *Food Labelling Coordination* (<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/legislation-guidelines/policies/food-labelling-coordination/joint-policy-statement.html>) Policy.

Consequently, Health Canada will modify the *Lists of Permitted Food Additives* (<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/food-additives/lists-permitted.html>) as described in the notice on **20 October 2025**. These modifications will come into force on the day they are published in the lists.

The purpose of the notice of modification (notified document) is to publicly announce the Department's decision in this regard and to provide the appropriate contact information for those wishing to submit an inquiry or new scientific information relevant to the safety of this food additive.

#### **This addendum concerns a:**

- ☐ Modification of final date for comments
- ☒ Notification of adoption, publication or entry into force of regulation
- ☐ Modification of content and/or scope of previously notified draft regulation
- ☐ Withdrawal of proposed regulation
- ☐ Change in proposed date of adoption, publication or date of entry into force
- ☐ Other:

**Comment period:** *(If the addendum extends the scope of the previously notified measure in terms of products and/or potentially affected Members, a new deadline for receipt of comments should be provided, normally of at least 60 calendar days. Under other circumstances, such as extension of originally announced final date for comments, the comment period provided in the addendum may vary.)*

[ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the addendum to the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable

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The notice "Modification to the Lists of Permitted Food Additives to revise certain permitted uses of aluminum-containing food additives" is available through the following weblinks:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/legislation-guidelines/acts-regulations/notices-proposal-notices-modification/permitted-food-additives-revise-certain-uses-aluminum-based-food-additives.html> (English)

<https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/legislation-lignes-directrices/lois-reglements/avis-proposition-avis-modification/additifs-alimentaires-autorises-reviser-certaines-utilisations-autorisees-additifs-alimentaires-contenant-aluminium.html> (French)

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