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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. Notifying Member: <u>CANADA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)
3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 0802.51.00 00 Other nuts, fresh or dried, whether or not shelled or peeled. - Pistachios: - In shell- 0802.52.00 00 Other nuts, fresh or dried, whether or not shelled or peeled. - Pistachios: - Shelled <p>Reference: https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/trade-commerce/tariff-tarif/2025/html/00/ch08-eng.html#wb-auto-4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 1106.30.00 00 Flour, meal and powder of the dried leguminous vegetables of heading 07.13, of sago or of roots or tubers of heading 07.14 or of the products of Chapter 8 <p>Reference: https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/trade-commerce/tariff-tarif/2025/html/00/ch11-eng.html#wb-auto-4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 2007.99.90 41 Jams, fruit jellies, marmalades, fruit or nut purée and fruit or nut pastes, obtained by cooking, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter. - Other: - Other - Other - Put up for retail sale: -Nut purées and nut paste <p>Reference: https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/trade-commerce/tariff-tarif/2025/html/00/ch20-eng.html#wb-auto-4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 2008.19.10 20 Fruit, nuts and other edible parts of plants, otherwise prepared or preserved, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or spirit, not elsewhere specified or included. - Nuts, ground-nuts and other seeds whether or not mixed together: - Other, including mixtures - Almonds and pistachio nuts - Pistachio nuts <p>Reference: https://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/trade-commerce/tariff-tarif/2025/html/00/ch20-eng.html#wb-auto-4</p>
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: [X] All trading partners [] Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Import restrictions on pistachios and pistachio products from the Islamic Republic of Iran and changes to Canadian Food Inspection Agency requirements for Import of pistachios and pistachio products from other origins. Language(s): English and French. Number of pages: 1
6. Description of content: The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is the competent authority responsible for establishing, implementing, and enforcing Canada's import requirements for food products.

- Imported pistachios and pistachio-containing products originating from the Islamic Republic of Iran are currently implicated in several *illnesses* (<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/public-health-notices/2025/outbreak-salmonella-infections-pistachios-related-products.html>) and *recalls* (<https://inspection.canada.ca/en/inspection-and-enforcement/food-safety-investigations/pistachio-recall-salmonella>) in Canada due to contamination with *Salmonella*.
- Temporary Import Restriction for products from Islamic Republic of Iran.

Effective 27 September 2025, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency will refuse entry of pistachios and pistachio products originating from the Islamic Republic of Iran that are exported on or after this date. Shipments exported prior to this date and currently in transit will be subject to hold-and-test requirements before being released into commerce. This will be reflected in the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's Automated Import Reference System (AIRS).

- Licence Condition for products from all other origins
 - The Canadian Food Inspection Agency will implement a condition under the Safe Food for Canadians licence for all shipments of pistachios and pistachio products originating from all countries other than the Islamic Republic of Iran. The licence condition will have two elements:
 - Importers will have to provide a proof of origin demonstrating non-Iranian origin of the shipment; OR
 - If a proof of origin is not provided, the shipment will be subject to the hold and test requirements.

These measures will remain in place while the Canadian Food Inspection Agency analyzes information from its ongoing food safety investigations, surveillance and inspections of importers.

7. Objective and rationale: ☒ food safety, ☐ animal health, ☐ plant protection, ☐ protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, ☐ protect territory from other damage from pests.

8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: Canada is facing a significant public health crisis. An outbreak investigation is ongoing, led by the Public Health Agency of Canada, with more than 100 laboratory-confirmed *Salmonella* infections in Canada and numerous food recall notifications linked to pistachio kernels and products originating from the Islamic Republic of Iran. Immediate regulatory action is essential to protect Canadians from further illness, contain the outbreak, and prevent additional contaminated products from entering the Canadian market.

9. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:

☒ **Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):**

- CXC 1-1969 - General Principles of Food Hygiene
- CXG 30-1999 - Principles and Guidelines for the Conduct of Microbiological Risk Assessment
- CXG 63-2007 - Principles and Guidelines for the Conduct of Microbiological Risk Management
- CXG 96-2022 - Guidelines on the Management of Biological Foodborne Outbreaks
- CXS 131-1981 - Standard for Unshelled Pistachio Nuts

☐ **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):**

☐ **International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):**

☐ **None**

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

<p>[X] Yes [] No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable): 27 September 2025</p> <p>[] Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: [] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>The Food import notices for industry is available through the following weblinks: https://inspection.canada.ca/en/importing-food-plants-animals/food-imports/notices-industry (English) https://inspection.canada.ca/fr/importation-aliments-vegetaux-ou-animaux/importation-daliments/avis-lindustrie (French)</p> <p>Or requested from: Canada's Notification Authority and Enquiry Point Technical Barriers and Regulations Division Global Affairs Canada 111 Sussex Drive Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0G2 Canada Tel: +(343) 203 4273 Fax: +(613) 943 0346 E-mail: enquiry@international.gc.ca</p>