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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: CANADA If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Health Canada
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): caffeine and caffeine citrate (ICS Codes: 67.220.20)
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Modification to the List of Permitted Food Additives with Other Purposes of Use to revise the use of caffeine and caffeine citrate. Language(s): English and French. Number of pages:
6.	Description of content: Health Canada is lowering the maximum level of use of caffeine and caffeine citrate permitted in cola type beverages from 200 parts per million (ppm) to 150 ppm. This change results from the Department now regulating caffeine as a supplemental ingredient when it is added to carbonated water-based beverages and the total amount of caffeine from all sources is more than 150 ppm. Consequently, Health Canada will modify the List of Permitted Food Additives with Other Purposes of Use as described in the notice on 1 December 2025 . These modifications will come into force on the day they are published in the list. 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.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None

<p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>	
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <p>Health Canada Website: https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/legislation-guidelines/acts-regulations/notices-proposal-notices-modification.html, posted on 1 December 2025 (available in English and French).</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): The modification described in the notice will be legally enabled once published in Health Canada's Lists of Permitted Food Additives: (https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/food-additives/lists-permitted.html).</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 1 December 2025</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): The modification described in the notice comes into force the day it is made to the Lists of Permitted Food Additives: (https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/food-additives/lists-permitted.html).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 14 February 2026</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>The notice "Modification to the List of Permitted Food Additives with Other Purposes of Use to revise the use of caffeine and caffeine citrate" is available through the following weblinks:</p> <p>https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/legislation-guidelines/acts-regulations/notices-proposal-notices-modification/list-permitted-food-additives-other-purposes-use-revise-caffeine-citrate.html (English)</p> <p>https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/legislation-lignes-directrices/lois-reglements/avis-proposition-avis-modification/liste-additifs-alimentaires-autorises-autres-buts-emploi-reviser-utilisation-caffeine-citrate.html (French)</p> <p>Or requested from:</p> <p>Canada's Notification Authority and Enquiry Point Technical Barriers and Regulations Division Global Affairs Canada 111 Sussex Drive Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0G2 Canada E-mail: enquiry@international.gc.ca</p>