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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): Rosemary extract (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: Proposal to modify the <i>List of Permitted Preservatives</i> to authorize the use of rosemary extract. Language(s): English and French. Number of pages:
6.	Description of content: Health Canada completed a premarket safety and efficacy assessment of a food additive submission seeking authorization for the use of rosemary extract as an antioxidant preservative in: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• brownies, cookies and crackers• dehydrated potato products• noodles and pasta precooked with fat• dried and/or roasted nuts, seeds, and nut or seed spreads• unstandardized snack bars (cereal, fruit or nut bars)• savory or sweet snack foods (such as chips, kernels from soybean or other legumes, popcorn, pretzels, rice cakes) <p>The requested maximum levels of use range from 10 ppm to 50 ppm, calculated as the sum of carnosol and carnosic acid.</p> <p>The results of the premarket assessment support the safety and efficacy of rosemary extract for its requested uses. Consequently, Health Canada intends to enable the use of rosemary extract by modifying the List of Permitted Preservatives and setting out specifications for this food additive in the Table of Food Additive Specifications, as described in the information document referenced above.</p> <p>The purpose of this document is to publicly announce Health Canada's intention in this regard and to provide the appropriate contact information for those wishing to submit comments, inquiries or new scientific information relevant to the safety of this food additive.</p>

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.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><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: Health Canada Website: https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/legislation-guidelines/acts-regulations/notices-proposal-notices-modification.html, posted on 8 December 2025 (available in English and French)</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): The proposed food additive modification described in the notice would 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): Not Applicable.</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): The proposed food additive modification described in the notice would come 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): 21 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. Text(s) available from: [] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

The notice "Proposal to modify the List of Permitted Preservatives to authorize the use of rosemary extract" is available through the following web links:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/legislation-guidelines/acts-regulations/notices-proposal-notices-modification/list-permitted-preservatives-authorize-use-rosemary-extract.html> (English)

<https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/legislation-lignes-directrices/lois-reglements/avis-proposition-avis-modification/liste-agents-conservation-autoriser-utilisation-extrait-romarin.html> (French)

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