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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> CANADA <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Health Canada
3.	<b>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):</b> Silicon dioxide (ICS code: 67.220.20)
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Modification to the List of Permitted Food Additives with Other Purposes of Use (silicon dioxide). <b>Language(s):</b> English and French. <b>Number of pages:</b>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> Health Canada's Food and Nutrition Directorate completed a premarket safety assessment of a food additive submission seeking authorization for the use of silicon dioxide in sugar at a maximum level of use of 2,000 ppm. The purpose of using the silicon dioxide is to increase the dissolution rate of the sugar.  The results of the premarket assessment support the safety of silicon dioxide for its requested use. Consequently, Health Canada has authorized the use of silicon dioxide as described in the notified information document by modifying the <i>List of Permitted Food Additives with Other Purposes of Use</i> ( <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/food-additives/lists-permitted/8-other-accepted-uses.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/food-additives/lists-permitted/8-other-accepted-uses.html</a> ), effective 4 February 2026.  The purpose of the information 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.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <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.	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <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><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>	
9.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>  Health Canada website: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/legislation-guidelines/acts-regulations/notices-proposal-notices-modification.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/legislation-guidelines/acts-regulations/notices-proposal-notices-modification.html</a>, Notices of proposal and notices of modification, posted: 9 February 2026 (available in English and French)</p>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> The modification to the food additive's permitted use is legally enabled once published in Health Canada's Lists of Permitted Food Additives (<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/food-additives/lists-permitted.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/food-additives/lists-permitted.html</a>).</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> The modification to the food additive's permitted use is legally enabled once published in Health Canada's Lists of Permitted Food Additives (<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/food-additives/lists-permitted.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/food-additives/lists-permitted.html</a>).</p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> The food additive modification noted in this document comes into force the day it is made to the Lists of Permitted Food Additives (<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/food-additives/lists-permitted.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/food-additives/lists-permitted.html</a>).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 20 April 2026</p> <p><b>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:</b></p>
13.	<p><b>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:</b></p> <p>The notice "Modification to the List of Permitted Food Additives with Other Purposes of Use (silicon dioxide)" is available through the following weblinks:  <a href="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-silicone-dioxide.html">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-silicone-dioxide.html</a> (English)  <a href="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-dioxyde-silicium.html">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-dioxyde-silicium.html</a> (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  E-mail: <a href="mailto:enquirypoint@international.gc.ca">enquirypoint@international.gc.ca</a></p>