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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):** The mineral nutrient selenium as a supplemental ingredient
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:** Proposal to modify the *List of Permitted Supplemental Ingredients* (selenium). **Language(s):** English and French. **Number of pages:** -
6.	**Description of content:** Health Canada initiated an evaluation to determine whether revised conditions of use for selenium in supplemented foods should be proposed based on the publication of an updated scientific opinion on the tolerable upper intake level (UL) for selenium by the European Food Safety Authority Panel on Nutrition, Novel Foods and Food Allergens (EFSA NDA Panel). The results of this evaluation support the revision of the conditions of use for selenium including the maximum permitted amounts in supplemented foods as well the threshold levels above which cautionary statements are required on the label. Therefore, Health Canada proposes modifying the List of Permitted Supplemental Ingredients, as described in the information document. 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.
7.	**Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [ ] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [ ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests.**
8.	**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)*:** **[ ] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:** **[ ] International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:** **[X] None**

	Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? **[ ] Yes [ ] No** **If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:**
9.	**Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** Health Canada's food and nutrition "Notices of proposal and notices of modification" webpage, posted on 22 October 2026: https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/legislation-guidelines/acts-regulations/notices-proposal-notices-modification.html https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/legislation-lignes-directrices/lois-reglements/avis-proposition-avis-modification.html (available in English and French)
10.	**Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** The proposed modifications will be legally enabled once published in the *List of Permitted Supplemental Ingredients:* https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/supplemented-foods/list-permitted-food-ingredients.html **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** The proposed modifications will be legally enabled once published in the *List of Permitted Supplemental Ingredients:* https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/supplemented-foods/list-permitted-food-ingredients.html
11.	**Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Modifications to the *List of Permitted Supplemental Ingredients* come into force the day they are made to the list: https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/supplemented-foods/list-permitted-food-ingredients.html **[ ] Trade facilitating measure**
12.	**Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 20 January 2027 **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:**
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 Supplemental Ingredients (selenium)" is available through the following weblinks: https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/legislation-guidelines/acts-regulations/notices-proposal-notices-modification/list-permitted-supplemental-ingredients-selenium.html (English) https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/legislation-lignes-directrices/lois-reglements/avis-proposition-avis-modification/liste-ingredients-supplementaires-autorises-selenium.html (French) Canada's Notification Authority and Enquiry Point Global Affairs Canada Technical Barriers and Regulations Division 111 Sussex Drive Ottawa (Ontario) K1A 0G2 Canada E-mail: enquirypoint@international.gc.ca