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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):** Fruit and vegetable cellulose isolate; nuclease P1; 3-phytase (ICS Codes: 67.220.20)
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 two of the *Lists of Permitted Food Additives* (fruit and vegetable cellulose isolate); Proposal to modify the *List of Permitted Food Enzymes* (nuclease P1); and Proposal to modify the *List of Permitted Food Enzymes* (3-phytase). **Language(s):** English and French. **Number of pages:** -
6.	**Description of content:** Health Canada's Food and Nutrition Directorate completed premarket assessments of a number of food additive submissions seeking authorization for the use of: - fruit and vegetable cellulose isolate as a stabilizing or thickening agent in cream for whipping at a maximum level of use of 2,000 ppm and as a bodying and texturizing agent or filler in various foods at maximum levels of use that vary according to the food; - nuclease P1 from *Penicillium citrinum* NP 11-15 be authorized for use as a food enzyme in nucleotide-rich fish hydrolysate and nucleotide-rich yeast extract at a maximum level of "Good Manufacturing Practice" (GMP); and - 3-phytase from *Aspergillus niger* NPH in plant-based products that resemble dairy products, as well as in plant-based products that resemble dairy-based products at a maximum level of "Good Manufacturing Practice" (GMP). The results of these premarket assessments support authorizing these additives for their requested uses. Consequently, Health Canada intends to enable the use of these food additives by modifying a number of the *List of Permitted Food Additives*, as described in this notice. The purpose of the information document is to publicly announce the Department's intention 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: [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 Website: https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/legislation-guidelines/acts-regulations/notices-proposal-notices-modification.html, posted on 29 October 2026 (available in English and French)
10.	**Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** The modification to the food additive's permitted use is 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). **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** The modification to the food additive's permitted use is 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).
11.	**Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** The food additive modification noted in this document 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). **[ ] Trade facilitating measure**
12.	**Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 27 January 2027 (90 days from the date of publication of the notice of modification). **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 following notices are available through the following weblinks:

- Proposal to modify two of the *Lists of Permitted Food Additives* (fruit and vegetable cellulose isolate)
- Proposal to modify the *List of Permitted Food Enzymes* (nuclease P1)
- Proposal to modify the *List of Permitted Food Enzymes* (3-phytase)

https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/legislation-guidelines/acts-regulations/notices-proposal-notices-modification/list-permitted-additives-fruit-vegetable-cellulose-isolate.html (English)

https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/legislation-guidelines/acts-regulations/notices-proposal-notices-modification/list-permitted-enzymes-nuclease-p1.html (English)

https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/legislation-guidelines/acts-regulations/notices-proposal-notices-modification/list-permitted-enzymes-3-phytase.html (English)

https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/legislation-lignes-directrices/lois-reglements/avis-proposition-avis-modification/listes-additifs-autorises-isolat-cellulose-fruits-legumes.html (French)

https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/legislation-lignes-directrices/lois-reglements/avis-proposition-avis-modification/liste-enzymes-autorisees-nuclease-p1.html (French)

https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/legislation-lignes-directrices/lois-reglements/avis-proposition-avis-modification/liste-enzymes-autorisees-3-phytase.html (French)

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