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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):** Silicon dioxide (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:** Modification to the *List of Permitted Anticaking Agents* (silicon dioxide). **Language(s):** English and French. **Number of pages:** -
6.	**Description of content:** Health Canada's Food Directorate completed a premarket assessment of a food additive submission seeking authorization for the use of silicon dioxide as an anticaking agent in nutrient pre-mixes for use in infant formula. The outcome of the premarket assessment supports authorizing silicon dioxide for use as an anticaking agent in nutrient pre-mixes for use in infant formula at a maximum level of use of Good Manufacturing Practice, with the silicon dioxide residue in the formula as consumed not to exceed 10 ppm. Consequently, Health Canada has extended the use of silicon dioxide as described in the Notice by modifying the List of Permitted Anticaking Agents, effective 29 October 2026. The purpose of the information 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: [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:** **[X] Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:** - General Standard for Food Additives, CXS 192-1995 - Standard for Infant Formula and Formulas for Special Medical Purposes Intended for Infants, CXS 72-1981 - Standard for Follow-Up Formula for Older Infants and Product for Young Children, CXS 156-1987 - Advisory Lists of Nutrient Compounds for Use in Foods for Special Dietary Uses Intended for Infants and Young Children, CXG 10-1979

	[ ] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*: **[ ] International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:** **[ ] None** **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?** **[X] 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 proposed food additive modification 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). **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 29 October 2026
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)*:** 12 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 of "Modification to the *List of Permitted Anticaking Agents* (silicon dioxide)" is available through the following links: https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/legislation-guidelines/acts-regulations/notices-proposal-notices-modification/list-permitted-anticaking-agents-silicon-dioxide.html (English) https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/legislation-lignes-directrices/lois-reglements/avis-proposition-avis-modification/liste-agents-antiagglomerants-autorises-dioxyde-silicium.html (French) 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: enquirypoint@international.gc.ca