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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>CANADA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Health Canada
<b>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):</b> Lead in fruit juice, fruit nectar and water in sealed containers (ICS Code: 67.160.20)
<b>4. 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:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Health Canada's Proposal to Update the Maximum Levels for Lead in Fruit Juice, Fruit Nectar and Water in Sealed Containers in the <i>List of Contaminants and Other Adulterating Substances in Foods</i> - Reference Number: NOP/AVP-C-2017-2. <b>Language(s):</b> English and French. <b>Number of pages:</b> 5 and 6
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Health Canada has conducted a scientific assessment which supports proposing to lower the existing maximum level (ML) for lead in fruit juice and fruit nectar to 0.05 p.p.m. and also lower the ML for lead in water in sealed containers to 0.01 p.p.m. The proposed ML for fruit juice and fruit nectar would also apply to fruit juice and nectar when used as an ingredient in other foods and to juice concentrate when reconstituted to its ready-to-serve form. Furthermore, Health Canada is proposing to extend the ML for lead in water in sealed containers such that it applies to all types of bottled water, including mineral and spring water.  As a result of this assessment, it is the intention of Health Canada to modify Part 2 of the <i>List of Contaminants and Other Adulterating Substances in Foods</i> as described in the information document. The purpose of this communication is to publically announce the Department's intention in this regard and to provide the appropriate contact information for any inquiries or for those wishing to submit any new scientific information relevant to Health Canada's scientific assessment.
<b>7. 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.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> CODEX STAN 193-1995 and CODEX STAN 108-1981 <input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b>

<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b> In 2015 the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex; CODEX STAN 193-1995) lowered its ML for lead in fruit juices and nectars when ready-to-drink, except those from berries and other small fruits, from 0.05 p.p.m. to 0.03 p.p.m. Health Canada's proposed lower ML for lead in fruit juice and fruit nectar aligns with the previous Codex ML. Once the Codex Committee on Contaminants in Food finalizes its review of an updated ML for fruit juice from berries and other small fruits, Health Canada will consider aligning Canadian MLs for lead in all fruit juice and fruit nectar with established Codex ML(s).</p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Health Canada's Food and Nutrition - "Public Involvement and Partnerships" Website, posted 1 March 2017 (available in English and French):  <a href="http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/index-eng.php">http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/index-eng.php</a>  <a href="http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/index-fra.php">http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/index-fra.php</a></p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> The proposed food additive use will be legally enabled once it is published in Health Canada's <i>List of Contaminants and Other Adulterating Substances in Foods</i> (<a href="http://hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/securit/chem-chim/adulterating-substances-adulterantes-eng.php">http://hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/securit/chem-chim/adulterating-substances-adulterantes-eng.php</a>).</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b></p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): The food additive use noted in this document comes into force the day on which the modifications are made to the <i>List of Contaminants and Other Adulterating Substances in Foods</i> (<a href="http://hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/securit/chem-chim/adulterating-substances-adulterantes-eng.php">http://hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/securit/chem-chim/adulterating-substances-adulterantes-eng.php</a>).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 14 May 2017</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <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>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from:</b> <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> <p>"Health Canada's Proposal to Update the Maximum Levels for Lead in Fruit Juice, Fruit Nectar and Water in Sealed Containers in the List of Contaminants and Other Adulterating Substances in Foods - Reference Number: NOP/AVP-C-2017-2" is available through the following weblink:  <a href="http://hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/nop-avp-c-2017-2/nop-avp-c-2017-2-eng.php">http://hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/nop-avp-c-2017-2/nop-avp-c-2017-2-eng.php</a> (English)  <a href="http://hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/nop-avp-c-2017-2/nop-avp-c-2017-2-fra.php">http://hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/nop-avp-c-2017-2/nop-avp-c-2017-2-fra.php</a> (French)</p>