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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>CANADA</u> 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): Steviol glycosides from <i>Stevia rebaudiana</i> Bertoni (ICS Code: 67.220.20)
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Notice of Modification to the List of Permitted Sweeteners to Enable the Use of Steviol Glycosides from <i>Stevia rebaudiana</i> Bertoni as a Sweetener – Reference Number: NOM/ADM-0102. Language(s): English and French. Number of pages: 5 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/CAN/17_4518_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/CAN/17_4518_00_f.pdf
6. Description of content: Health Canada's Food Directorate received a food additive submission requesting that the permitted steviol glycosides content of this sweetener be expanded to include all the steviol glycosides in the <i>Stevia rebaudiana</i> Bertoni plant (stevia plant). Canada had previously permitted steviol glycosides from the stevia plant to comprise one or more of ten named steviol glycosides, singly or in any combination, provided that the total steviol glycosides content is at least 95%. As no safety concerns were raised through Health Canada's assessment the Department has enabled the expanded use of the food additive steviol glycosides to comprise all the steviol glycosides in the <i>Stevia rebaudiana</i> Bertoni plant described in the information document below by updating the List of Permitted Sweeteners , effective 30 August 2017. The purpose of this communication is to publically announce the Department's decision 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 the safety of this food additive.
7. Objective and rationale: <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.

<p>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Health Canada's Food and Nutrition – "Public Involvement and Partnerships" Website, posted 30 August 2017 (available in English and French):</p> <p>https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships.html (English)</p> <p>https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats.html (French)</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 30 August 2017</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 30 August 2017</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 12 November 2017</p> <p>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:</p>

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 Sweeteners to Enable the Use of Steviol Glycosides from Stevia rebaudiana Bertoni as a Sweetener – Reference Number: NOM/ADM-0102*" is available through the following weblink:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/legislation-guidelines/acts-regulations/modification-list-permitted-sweeteners-steviol-glycosides.html>
(English)

<https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/modification-liste-edulcorants-glycosides-steviol.html> (French)

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