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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

<p>1. Notifying Member: <u>CANADA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:</p>
<p>2. Agency responsible: Health Canada</p>
<p>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): Ethyl acetate and methyl alcohol (ICS Codes: 67.220, 67.140, 67.180)</p>
<p>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:</p>
<p>5. Title of the notified document: Notice of Modification to the <i>List of Permitted Carrier or Extraction Solvents</i> to Correct the Entries for Ethyl Acetate Permitted for Use as an Extraction Solvent for Decaffeinating Green Coffee Beans and Tea Leaves and for Methyl Alcohol Permitted for Use as an Extraction Solvent in Manufacturing Steviol Glycosides Language(s): English and French Number of pages: 4 and 4 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/CAN/15_3606_00_e.pdf http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/CAN/15_3606_00_f.pdf</p>
<p>6. Description of content: Health Canada's Food Directorate has become aware of two instances where editorial errors had been listed within the <i>Lists of Permitted Food Additives</i>. Both instances were determined to be the result of past editorial errors where maximum residue limits were incorrectly listed as maximum levels of use. The instances in question were limited to the entries within the <i>List of Permitted Carrier or Extraction Solvents</i> (http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/securit/addit/list/15-extraction-eng.php) for ethyl acetate permitted for use as an extraction solvent for decaffeinating green coffee beans and tea leaves, and for methyl alcohol permitted for use as an extraction solvent in manufacturing steviol glycosides.</p> <p>Therefore, Health Canada has modified the <i>List of Permitted Carrier or Extraction Solvents</i> to correct these permitted food additive uses, effective 3 September 2015. The complete details of these corrections are summarized within the notice of modification document, which is available below.</p> <p>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 these food additives.</p> <p>Health Canada's Food Directorate is committed to reviewing any new scientific information on the safety in use of any food additive, including ethyl acetate and methyl alcohol. Anyone wishing to submit new scientific information on the use of these food additives or to submit any inquiries may do so in writing, by regular mail or electronically.</p>

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.
8.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (<i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (<i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (<i>e.g. ISPM number</i>)</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>
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Health Canada's Food and Nutrition - "Public Involvement and Partnerships" Website, posted 3 September 2015 (available in English and French): http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/index-eng.php (English) http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/index-fra.php (French)</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): The proposed food additive use will be legally enabled once it is published in Health Canada's <i>List of Permitted Carrier or Extraction Solvents</i>.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 3 September 2015</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <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 on the day on which the modifications are made to the <i>List of Permitted Carrier or Extraction Solvents</i>.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 17 November 2015</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.	<p>Text(s) available from: <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>The "Notice of Modification to the List of Permitted Carrier or Extraction Solvents to Correct the Entries for Ethyl Acetate Permitted for Use as an Extraction Solvent for Decaffeinating Green Coffee Beans and Tea Leaves and for Methyl Alcohol Permitted for Use as an Extraction Solvent in Manufacturing Steviol Glycosides" is available through the following weblink: http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/nom-adm-0059/index-eng.php (English) http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/nom-adm-0059/index-fra.php (French)</p>