



**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> CANADA <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> Erythritol (ICS Code: 67.220.20)
<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> Notice of Modification to the List of Permitted Sweeteners to Enable the Use of Erythritol in Food Thickeners Products - Reference Number: NOM/ADM-0111. <b>Language(s):</b> English and French. <b>Number of pages:</b> 3 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/CAN/18_1781_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/CAN/18_1781_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/CAN/18_1781_00_f.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/CAN/18_1781_00_f.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Health Canada's Food Directorate received a food additive submission seeking approval for the use of erythritol in food thickener products at a level of 2.0%.  Erythritol is already a permitted food additive in Canada. The Food Directorate determined that information related to the safety of erythritol supports extending its use to food thickener products at a level of 2.0%. Therefore, the Department has enabled the use of erythritol as described in the information document below by modifying the <i>List of Permitted Sweeteners</i> ( <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/food-additives/lists-permitted/9-sweeteners.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/food-additives/lists-permitted/9-sweeteners.html</a> ), effective 13 March 2018.  The purpose of this communication is to publically announce the Food Directorate's decision in this regard and to provide contact information for inquiries or for those wishing to submit new scientific information relevant to the safety of this food additive.
<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 type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):

<p><input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></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 13 March 2018 (available in English and French):</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships.html</a>  <a href="https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats.html">https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats.html</a></p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 13 March 2018</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): 13 March 2018</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</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): 26 May 2018</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>The "Notice of Modification to the List of Permitted Sweeteners to Enable the Use of Erythritol in Food Thickener Products - Reference Number: NOM/ADM-0111" is available through the following weblink:</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/modification-list-contaminants-adulterating-substances-permitted-sweeteners-erythritol-food-thickener.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/modification-list-contaminants-adulterating-substances-permitted-sweeteners-erythritol-food-thickener.html</a> (English)  <a href="https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/modification-liste-contaminants-substances-adulterantes-erythritol-edulcorants-epaississants-aliments.html">https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/modification-liste-contaminants-substances-adulterantes-erythritol-edulcorants-epaississants-aliments.html</a> (French)</p> <p>Canada's SPS and TBT Notification Authority and Enquiry Point  Technical Barriers and Regulations Division  Global Affairs Canada  111 Sussex Drive  Ottawa, Ontario  K1A 0G2  Tel: +(343) 203 4273  Fax: +(613) 943 0346  E-mail: enquiry@international.gc.ca</p>