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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): Propionic acid and sodium propionate (ICS Codes: 67.220.20, 67.120.10, 67.120.20)
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 Preservatives to Enable the Use of Propionic Acid and Sodium Propionate as Preservatives in Ready-to-Eat Meat Products and Ready-to-Eat Poultry Meat Products - Reference Number: NOM/ADM-0112. Language(s): English and French. Number of pages: 4 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/CAN/18_2270_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/CAN/18_2270_00_f.pdf
6. Description of content: Health Canada's Food Directorate received a food additive submission seeking approval for the use of propionic acid and sodium propionate as preservatives in ready-to-eat meat products and ready-to-eat poultry meat products to control the growth of the pathogen <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i> in these foods. Both additives were already permitted for use as preservatives in certain other foods. The Food Directorate did not identify any safety concerns with permitting their use as Class II preservatives in ready-to-eat meat products and ready-to-eat poultry meat products. Therefore, as explained in the Notice of Modification (see "Information Document" below), Health Canada has enabled the use of propionic acid and sodium propionate in these foods by modifying Part 2 of the <i>List of Permitted Preservatives</i> , effective 4 April 2018. The purpose of this communication is to publically announce the Department'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 these food additives.
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. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):

<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 4 April 2018 (available in English and French): https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships.html https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats.html</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 4 April 2018</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): 4 April 2018</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): 17 June 2018</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>
<p>13. 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 Preservatives to Enable the Use of Propionic Acid and Sodium Propionate as Preservatives in Ready-to-Eat Meat Products and Ready-to-Eat Poultry Meat Products - Reference Number: NOM/ADM-0112" is available through the following weblink: https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/modification-permitted-preservatives-propionic-acid-sodium-propionate-meat-poultry.html (English) https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/modification-autorises-acide-propionique-propionate-sodium-viande-volaille.html (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>