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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): Calcium propionate and potassium sorbate (ICS Codes: 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 Preservatives to Increase the Maximum Level of Use of Calcium Propionate and Potassium Sorbate in Roti – Reference Number: NOM/ADM-0115. Language(s): English and French. Number of pages: 3 and 4 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/CAN/18_2868_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/CAN/18_2868_00_f.pdf
6. Description of content: Health Canada's Food Directorate received a food additive submission seeking an increase in the maximum level of use of calcium propionate and potassium sorbate, respectively, in roti, a traditional flatbread. Calcium propionate and potassium sorbate have already been permitted as preservatives in roti, an unstandardized food, at maximum levels of 2,000 parts per million (p.p.m.) (calculated as propionic acid) and 1,000 p.p.m (calculated as sorbic acid), respectively. These levels were requested to be increased to 4000 p.p.m. and 5000 p.p.m., respectively, the same levels that are permitted in soft flour tortillas, a flatbread similar to roti, to increase the shelf life of roti. Health Canada did not identify any food safety concerns with permitting roti to contain these preservatives at the same levels that are permitted in soft flour tortillas. Therefore, as explained in the information document below, the Department has increased the maximum level use of calcium propionate and potassium sorbate in roti by modifying Part 3 of the List of Permitted Preservatives, effective 25 May 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.

<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 25 May 2018: https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships.html (English) https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats.html (French) (available in English and French)</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 25 May 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): 25 May 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): 7 August 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 Increase the Maximum Level of Use of Calcium Propionate and Potassium Sorbate in Roti – Reference Number: NOM/ADM-0115" is available through the following weblink: https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/modification-permitted-preservatives-maximum-calcium-roti.html (English) https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/modification-autorises-limites-calcium-roti.html (French)</p> <p>or requested from:</p> <p>Canada's SPS & TBT Notification Authority and Enquiry Point Global Affairs Canada Technical Barriers and Regulations Division 111 Sussex Drive Ottawa, ON, K1A 0G2 Canada Tel: +(343) 203 4273 Fax: +(613) 943 0346 E-mail: enquiry@international.gc.ca</p>