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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: CANADA 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): Spirulina Extract (ICS Codes:67.220.20)
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: ☒ All trading partners ☐ Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Notice of Health Canada's proposal to enable the use of Spirulina extract as a colouring agent in various foods - Reference Number: NOP/ADP-0034. Language(s): English and French. Number of pages: 4
6.	Description of content: Health Canada's Food Directorate completed a detailed premarket safety assessment of a food additive submission seeking approval for the use of <i>Spirulina</i> extract as a food colouring agent in various foods. The results of the premarket assessment support the safety of <i>Spirulina</i> extract for its use as a colouring agent in a variety of foods. Consequently, Health Canada intends to enable the use of <i>Spirulina</i> extract by modifying the List of Permitted Colouring Agents as described in the information document referenced below. The purpose of this communication is to publically announce the Department's intention 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: ☒ food safety, ☐ animal health, ☐ plant protection, ☐ protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, ☐ protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: ☐ Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): ☐ World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): ☐ International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ☒ None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Health Canada's Food and Nutrition – "Public Involvement and Partnerships" Website, posted 9 January 2020 (available in English and French): 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)
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): The proposed food additive modification(s) will be legally enabled once published in Health Canada's <i>Lists of Permitted Food Additives</i>: (https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/food-additives/lists-permitted.html). Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): The food additive modification(s) noted in this document come into force the day they are made to the <i>Lists of Permitted Food Additives</i>: (https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/food-additives/lists-permitted.html). [] Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 23 March 2020 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:
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 Health Canada's proposal to enable the use of <i>Spirulina</i> extract as a colouring agent in various foods - Reference Number: NOP/ADP-0034" is available through the following weblink: https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/notice-proposal-use-spirulina-extract-colouring-agent/document.html (English) https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/avis-proposition-utilisation-extrait-spiruline-colorant/document.html (French) Canada's Notification Authority and Enquiry Point Technical Barriers and Regulations Division Global Affairs Canada, 111 Sussex Drive Ottawa (Ontario) K1A 0G2, Canada Tel: +(343) 2034 273 Fax: +(613) 9430 346 E-mail: enquiry@international.gc.ca