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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): Glucose Oxidase from *Aspergillus niger* J39; (ICS Codes: 67.200.20)
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
  - [X] All trading partners

[] Specific regions or countries:

5. Title of the notified document: Notice of Modification to the List of Permitted Food Enzymes to Enable the Use of Glucose Oxidase from Aspergillus niger J39 in Various Foods - Reference Number: NOM/ADM-0142 Language(s): English and French. Number of pages: 4 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/CAN/20\_0947\_00\_e.pdf

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6. **Description of content:** Health Canada's Food Directorate completed a premarket safety assessment of a food additive submission seeking approval for the use of glucose oxidase from *Aspergillus niger* J39 in bread, flour, whole wheat flour, pasta, unstandardized bakery products, and in certain shredded cheeses just prior to their packaging.

Glucose oxidase from other *A. niger* strains is already permitted for use in Canada as a food enzyme in the same foods as those of interest to the petitioner other than shredded cheese.

The results of the premarket assessment support the safety of glucose oxidase from *A. niger* J39 for its requested uses and its efficacy for use in shredded cheeses (a new type of food for this food enzyme). Consequently, Health Canada has enabled the use of glucose oxidase from this source described in the information document by modifying the *List of Permitted Food Enzymes*, effective 21 January 2020.

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 this food additive.

## 7. Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests.

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| 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):
- [X] None

8.

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 21 January 2020 (available in English and French): <u>https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvementpartnerships.html</u> (English) <u>https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-publicpartenariats.html</u> (French)
- **10.** Proposed date of adoption (*dd/mm/yy*): 21 January 2020

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*): 21 January 2020

[] Trade facilitating measure

12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): 4 April 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 Modification to the List of Permitted Food Enzymes to Enable the Use of Glucose Oxidase from Aspergillus niger J39 in Various Foods - Reference Number: NOM/ADM-0142" is available through the following weblink: https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/modification-permitted-food-enzymes-glucose-oxidase-aspergillus-niger-j39.html (English) https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/modification-enzymes-alimentaires-glucose-oxydase-aspergillus-niger-

j39.html (French)

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