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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

<p>1. Notifying Member: <u>CANADA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:</p>
<p>2. Agency responsible: Health Canada</p>
<p>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): Potassium lactate and Sodium lactate (ICS Code: 67.220.20)</p>
<p>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:</p>
<p>5. Title of the notified document: Notice of Modification to the <i>List of Permitted Preservatives</i> to Enable the Use of Potassium Lactate and Sodium Lactate as Preservatives in Unstandardized and Certain Standardized Marine and Fresh Water Animal Products - Document Reference Number: NOM/ADM-0064 Language(s): English and French Number of pages: 4 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/CAN/16_0080_00_e.pdf http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/CAN/16_0080_00_f.pdf</p>
<p>6. Description of content: Health Canada's Food Directorate completed a detailed safety assessment of a food additive submission seeking approval for the use of potassium lactate and sodium lactate as antimicrobial preservatives in unstandardized marine and fresh water animal products and certain standardized marine and fresh water animal products. Potassium lactate and sodium lactate are already permitted for use in Canada as preservatives in the <i>List of Permitted Preservatives</i> (http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/securit/addit/list/11-preserv-conserv-eng.php). The results of Health Canada's evaluation of available scientific data support the safety and efficacy of potassium lactate and sodium lactate when used as requested by the petitioner. Therefore, Health Canada has modified the <i>List of Permitted Preservatives</i>, effective 8 January 2016. 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. Health Canada's Food Directorate is committed to reviewing any new scientific information on the safety in use of any food additive, including potassium lactate and sodium lactate. Anyone wishing to submit new scientific information on the use of these food additives or to submit any inquiries may do so in writing, by regular mail or electronically.</p>

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.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text) The international Codex system has not associated either potassium lactate or sodium lactate with the "preservative" functional class, but the <i>Codex General Standard for Food Additives</i> recognizes the use of both additives in certain processed fish and seafood products in accordance with Good Manufacturing Practice.</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 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>
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Health Canada's Food and Nutrition - "Public Involvement and Partnerships" Website, posted 8 January 2016 (available in English and French):</p> <p>http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/index-eng.php (English) http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/index-fra.php (French)</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 8 January 2016</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 8 January 2016</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 22 March 2016</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>
13.	<p>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 <i>List of Permitted Preservatives</i> to Enable the Use of Potassium Lactate and Sodium Lactate as Preservatives in Unstandardized and Certain Standardized Marine and Fresh Water Animal Products - Document Reference Number: NOM/ADM-0064" is available through the following weblink:</p> <p>http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/nom-adm-0064/index-eng.php (English) http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/nom-adm-0064/index-fra.php (French)</p>