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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): Steviol glycosides containing the steviol glycoside "rebaudioside M" (Reb M) (ICS Code: 67.220)</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 Sweeteners</i> to Enable the Use of Rebaudioside M as a Sweetener in Various Unstandardized Foods - Reference Number: NOM/ADM-0065 Language(s): English and French Number of pages: 5 and 6 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/CAN/16_0275_00_e.pdf http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/CAN/16_0275_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 steviol glycosides containing the steviol glycoside "rebaudioside M" (Reb M) as a high-intensity sweetener in the same food categories and under the same conditions of use as the currently-permitted steviol glycosides.</p> <p>Reb M is one of a number of steviol glycosides that are naturally present in the stevia leaf, and already approved for use as a food additive in Canada.</p> <p>As no safety concerns were raised through Health Canada's assessment the Department has enabled the food additive use of steviol glycosides containing the steviol glycoside rebaudioside M described in the information document below by updating the <i>List of Permitted Sweeteners</i> (http://hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/securit/addit/list/9-sweetener-edulcorant-eng.php), effective 15 January 2016.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Health Canada's Food Directorate is committed to reviewing any new scientific information on the safety in use of any food additive, including steviol glycosides containing Rebaudioside M. Anyone wishing to submit new scientific information on the use of this additive 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 (<i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i>) The 47th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Additives (CCFA) submitted a request to JECFA via the "Priority List of Substances Proposed for Evaluation by JECFA" for a safety assessment and revision of specifications for steviol glycosides to (1) include rebaudiosides M and E; and (2) delete the requirement that the primary steviol glycosides in stevia preparations be stevioside and/or Reb A. JECFA has issued a call for data so that the request can be considered at the Expert Committee's 82nd meeting in June 2016.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (<i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (<i>e.g. ISPM number</i>)</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 15 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): 15 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): 15 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): 29 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 Sweeteners</i> to Enable the Use of Rebaudioside M as a Sweetener in Various Unstandardized Foods - Reference Number: NOM/ADM-0065" is available through the following weblink:</p> <p>http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/nom-adm-0065/index-eng.php (English) http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/nom-adm-0065/index-fra.php (French)</p>