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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>CANADA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Health Canada
<b>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):</b> Protease from <i>Trichoderma reesei</i> RF8963 (ICS Codes: 67.220.20)
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Notice of Modification to the <i>List of Permitted Food Enzymes</i> to Enable the Use of Protease from <i>Trichoderma reesei</i> RF8963 in Hydrolyzed Animal, Milk and Vegetable Protein - Reference Number: NOM/ADM-0150. <b>Language(s):</b> English and French. <b>Number of pages:</b> 3 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/CAN/20_5394_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/CAN/20_5394_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/CAN/20_5394_00_f.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/CAN/20_5394_00_f.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Health Canada's Food Directorate completed a premarket safety assessment of a food additive submission seeking approval for the use of protease (serine protease) from <i>Trichoderma reesei</i> RF8963 in hydrolyzed animal, milk and vegetable protein.  Proteases from sources other than <i>T. reesei</i> are already permitted for use in Canada as food enzymes in various foods, including hydrolyzed animal, milk and vegetable protein.  The results of the premarket assessment support the safety of protease from <i>T. reesei</i> RF8963 for its requested use. Consequently, Health Canada has enabled the use of protease from <i>T. reesei</i> RF8963 described in the information document by modifying the <i>List of Permitted Food Enzymes</i> , effective 27 August 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.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <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><b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>  Health Canada's Food and Nutrition - 'Public Involvement and Partnerships' Web site, posted 27 August 2020 (available in English and French):</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships.html</a> (English)</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats.html">https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats.html</a> (French)</p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 27 August 2020</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b></p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 27 August 2020</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 9 November 2020</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p>

**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 Protease from *Trichoderma reesei* RF8963 in Hydrolyzed Animal, Milk and Vegetable Protein - Reference Number: NOM/ADM-0150" is available through the following weblink:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/modification-permitted-food-enzymes-protease-hydrolyzed-animal-milk-vegetable-protein.html> (English)

<https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/modification-enzymes-alimentaires-autorisees-protease-proteines-hydrolisees-animale-vegetale-lait.html> (French)

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