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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): Modified vinegar (ICS Code: 67.220.20)
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: [X] All trading partners
 - [X] All trading partners

[] Specific regions or countries:

- 5. Title of the notified document: Notice of Health Canada's Proposal to Enable the Use of Modified Vinegar as a Preservative in Certain Meat and Poultry Products and Preparations Reference Number: NOP/ADP-0036. Language(s): English and French. Number of pages: 6 and 7
- 6. **Description of content:** Health Canada's Food Directorate completed a premarket safety assessment of modified vinegar for use as a preservative in the same meat and poultry products and preparations that are already permitted to be made with potassium acetate, potassium diacetate, sodium acetate and sodium diacetate. The results of the premarket assessment support the safety of modified vinegar for these uses. Consequently, Health Canada intends to enable the use of modified vinegar by modifying Part 2 of the *List of Permitted Preservatives* as described in the information document.

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 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.
- 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):
 - [X] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

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[]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 22 December 2020 (available in English and French): <u>https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships.html</u> <u>https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partnerships.html</u>
- **10.** Proposed date of adoption (*dd/mm/yy*): 3 June 2021

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*): 3 June 2021
 - [] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): 6 March 2021

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 Modified Vinegar as a Preservative in Certain Meat and Poultry Products and Preparations - Reference Number: NOP/ADP-0036" is available through the following weblink: https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/notice-proposal-enable-use-modified-vinegar-preservative-meat-poultry-

products-preparation.html (English) https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-publicpartenariats/avis-proposition-permettre-utilisation-vinaigre-modifie-conservationproduits-preparations-viande-volaille.html (French)

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