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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> Sodium Hydrogen Malate (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> Health Canada's Proposal to Enable the Use of a New Food Additive, Sodium Hydrogen Malate, as a Coating for Unstandardized Flavouring Preparations Used in Chewing Gum, Dry Beverage Mixes, Gelatin Dessert Powders and Unstandardized Confectionery <b>Language(s):</b> English and French <b>Number of pages:</b> 4 and 5  <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/CAN/16_1061_00_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/CAN/16_1061_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/CAN/16_1061_00_f.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/CAN/16_1061_00_f.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Health Canada's Food Directorate completed a detailed safety assessment of a food additive submission seeking approval for the use of sodium hydrogen malate in an unstandardized flavouring preparation to be used in chewing gum, dry beverage mixes, unstandardized confectionery and gelatin dessert powders.  As no safety concerns were raised through this assessment, it is the intention of Health Canada to enable this food additive, 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 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 sodium hydrogen malate. Anyone wishing to submit new scientific information on the use of this food additive or to submit any inquiries may do so in writing, by regular mail or electronically. If you wish to contact the Food Directorate electronically, please use the words "sodium hydrogen malate" in the subject line of your e-mail. Health Canada is able to consider information received by 27 May 2016, 75 days from the date of this posting.
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)</b> Sodium hydrogen DL-malate (INS 350(i)) is listed in Table III of the Codex General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA). It may be used in a number of foods under the conditions of good manufacturing practice, including confectionery, chewing gum, water-based flavoured drinks, and fruit-flavoured gelatin.</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 type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input checked="" 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" Website, posted 4 March 2016 (available in English and French):  <a href="http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/index-eng.php">http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/index-eng.php</a> (English)  <a href="http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/index-fra.php">http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/index-fra.php</a> (French)</p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> The proposed food additive use will be legally enabled once it is published in Health Canada's <i>List of Permitted Food Additives with Other Generally Accepted Uses</i> (<a href="http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/securit/addit/list/8-other-autre-eng.php">http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/securit/addit/list/8-other-autre-eng.php</a>).</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b></p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> The food additive use noted in this document comes into force the day on which the modifications are made to the <i>List of Permitted Food Additives with Other Generally Accepted Uses</i> (<a href="http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/securit/addit/list/8-other-autre-eng.php">http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/securit/addit/list/8-other-autre-eng.php</a>).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 27 May 2016</p> <p><b>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:</b></p>
<p><b>13. 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:</b></p> <p>The "Health Canada's Proposal to Enable the Use of a New Food Additive, Sodium Hydrogen Malate, as a Coating for Unstandardized Flavouring Preparations Used in Chewing Gum, Dry Beverage Mixes, Gelatin Dessert Powders and Unstandardized Confectionery" is available through the following weblink:  <a href="http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/nop-adm-0013/document-consultation-eng.php">http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/nop-adm-0013/document-consultation-eng.php</a> (English)  <a href="http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/nop-adm-0013/document-consultation-fra.php">http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/nop-adm-0013/document-consultation-fra.php</a> (French)</p>