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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): Quillaia Extract (Type 2) (ICS Code: 67.220.20)
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:
5.	Title of the notified document: Notice of Modification to the <i>List of Permitted Emulsifying, Gelling, Stabilizing or Thickening Agents</i> to Enable the Use of Quillaia Extract (Type 2) as an Emulsifying Agent for Oil-Based Colouring Formulations and Unstandardized Oil-Based Ingredients when Used in Certain Foods - Document Reference number: NOM/ADM-0069 Language(s): English and French Number of pages: 4 and 5 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/CAN/16_1060_00_e.pdf http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/CAN/16_1060_00_f.pdf
6.	Description of content: Health Canada's Food Directorate completed a detailed safety assessment of a food additive submission seeking approval for the use quillaia extract (Type 2) as an emulsifying agent for oil-based colouring formulations and unstandardized oil-based ingredients when used in certain foods. Quillaia extract (type unspecified) is already permitted for use in Canada. The <i>List of Permitted Food Additives with Other Generally Accepted Uses</i> includes a provision for its use as a foaming agent in beverage bases, beverage mixes and soft drinks at a level of use consistent with good manufacturing practice (GMP). There is also a separate provision for the use of saponins in these same foods for the same purpose and at the same level of use. The results of Health Canada's evaluation of available scientific data support the safety and efficacy of quillaia extract (Type 2) when used as requested by the petitioner. Therefore, Health Canada has modified the <i>List of Permitted Emulsifying, Gelling, Stabilizing or Thickening Agents</i> (http://hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/securit/addit/list/4-emulsif-eng.php), effective 4 March 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.

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 type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (<i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i>)</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 checked="" 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 4 March 2016 (available in English and French): 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): 4 March 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): 4 March 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): 27 May 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 Emulsifying, Gelling, Stabilizing or Thickening Agents</i> to Enable the Use of Quillaia Extract (Type 2) as an Emulsifying Agent for Oil-Based Colouring Formulations and Unstandardized Oil-Based Ingredients when Used in Certain Foods - Document Reference number: NOM/ADM-0069" is available through the following weblink: http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/nom-adm-0069/index-eng.php (English) http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/nom-adm-0069/index-fra.php (French)</p>