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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

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| 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): <i>Spirulina</i> extract (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 Colouring Agents</i> to Extend the Use of <i>Spirulina</i> Extract to Certain Unstandardized Foods - Reference Number: NOM/ADM-0160. Language(s): English and French. Number of pages: 4 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/CAN/21_1136_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/CAN/21_1136_00_f.pdf |
| 6. Description of content: Health Canada's Food Directorate completed a premarket safety assessment of a food additive submission seeking approval for the use of <i>Spirulina</i> extract in various foods. <i>Spirulina</i> extract is already permitted for use as a colouring agent in a variety of foods at a maximum level consistent with Good Manufacturing Practice. The results of the premarket assessment support the safety of <i>Spirulina</i> extract for the new uses of interest to the petitioner. Consequently, Health Canada has extended the use of <i>Spirulina</i> extract as described in the information document by modifying the <i>List of Permitted Colouring Agents</i> , effective 8 February 2021. The purpose of this communication is to publically announce the Department's decision in this regard and to provide the appropriate contact information for inquiries or for those wishing to submit 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. |

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| <p>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</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> |
| <p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Health Canada's Food and Nutrition - "Public Involvement and Partnerships" Website, posted 8 February 2021 (available in English and French): https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships.html https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats.html</p> |
| <p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 8 February 2021</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</p> |
| <p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 8 February 2021</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p> |
| <p>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 23 April 2021</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. 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 Colouring Agents to Extend the Use of Spirulina Extract to Certain Unstandardized Foods - Reference Number: NOM/ADM-0160*" is available through the following web link:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/modification-list-permitted-colouring-agents-extend-spirulina-unstandardized-foods.html> (English)

<https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/modification-liste-colorants-autorises-permettre-spirulina-aliments-non-normalises.html> (French)

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