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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> Maximum level for inorganic arsenic in rice-based foods (ICS Codes: 67.060; 67.230)
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Health Canada's Proposal to Add a Maximum Level for Inorganic Arsenic in Rice-based Foods Intended Specifically for Infants and Young Children - Reference Number: NOP/ADP C-2021-1. <b>Language(s):</b> English and French. <b>Number of pages:</b> 4 and 5
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Health Canada has conducted a scientific assessment which supports the establishment of a maximum level (ML) for inorganic arsenic in rice-based foods intended specifically for infants and young children.  As a result of this assessment, it is the intention of Health Canada to modify Part 2 of the <i>List of Contaminants and Other Adulterating Substances in Foods</i> , 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 Health Canada's proposal.
<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.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b> <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b>

<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><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>  Health Canada's Food and Nutrition - "Public Involvement and Partnerships" Website, posted 9 April 2021 (available in English and French):  <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>  <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></p>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> The proposed ML will be legally enabled once it is published in Health Canada's <a href="#">List of Contaminants and Other Adulterating Substances in Foods</a>.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b></p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): The ML noted in this document comes into force the day on which the modification is made to the <a href="#">List of Contaminants and Other Adulterating Substances in Foods</a>.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 22 June 2021</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <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><b>Text(s) available from:</b> <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><i>Health Canada's Proposal to Add a Maximum Level for Inorganic Arsenic in Rice-based Foods Intended Specifically for Infants and Young Children - Reference Number: NOP/ADP C-2021-1</i> is available through the following weblinks:  <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/proposal-add-maximum-level-inorganic-arsenic-rice-based-foods/document.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/proposal-add-maximum-level-inorganic-arsenic-rice-based-foods/document.html</a> (English)  <a href="https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/proposition-ajouter-concentration-maximale-arsenic-inorganique-dans-aliments-base-de-riz/document.html">https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/proposition-ajouter-concentration-maximale-arsenic-inorganique-dans-aliments-base-de-riz/document.html</a> (French)</p> <p>Canada's Notification Authority and Enquiry Point  Technical Barriers and Regulations Division  Global Affairs Canada  111 Sussex Drive  Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0G2  Canada  Tel: +(343) 203 4273  Fax: +(613) 943 0346  E-mail: enquirypoint@international.gc.ca</p>