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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

Notifying Member: <u>CANADA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
Agency responsible: Health Canada
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): Potassium aluminum sulphate in salted jellyfish (ICS Codes: 67.220.20)
Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
[X] All trading partners
[] Specific regions or countries:
Title of the notified document: Notice of Modification to the <i>List of Permitted Firming Agents</i> to Enable the Use of Potassium Aluminum Sulphate in Salted Jellyfish. Language(s): English and French. Number of pages: 3 and 4
https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/CAN/21_3781_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/CAN/21_3781_00_f.pdf
Description of content: Health Canada's Food Directorate completed a premarket safety assessment of a food additive submission seeking approval for the use of potassium aluminum sulphate in salted jellyfish.
Potassium aluminum sulphate is already permitted for use as a firming agent in unstandardized foods, pickles and relishes, and sea urchin roe.
The results of the premarket assessment support the safety of potassium aluminum sulphate for its requested use in salted jellyfish. Consequently, Health Canada has enabled the use of potassium aluminum sulphate described in the information document by modifying the <i>List of Permitted Firming Agents</i> , effective 20 May 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.
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.
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):

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[] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):

[X] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[]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 20 May 2021 (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-partenariats.html</u>

10. Proposed date of adoption (*dd/mm/yy*): 20 May 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*): 20 May 2021

[] Trade facilitating measure

12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): 2 August 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 Modification to the *List of Permitted Firming Agents* to Enable the Use of Potassium Aluminum Sulphate in Salted Jellyfish" is available through the following weblinks:

https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvementpartnerships/notice-modification-firming-agents-enable-use-potassium-aluminumsulphate-salted-jellyfish.html (English)

<u>https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/avis-modification-agents-raffermissants-autorises-permettre-utilisation-sulfate-double-aluminium-potassium-meduses-salees.html</u> (French)

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