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## **Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

## **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): Lactase from *Kluyveromyces lactis* DS 80496 (ICS Codes: 67.220.20; 67.100.10)
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
  - [X] All trading partners
  - [ ] Specific regions or countries:
- **5. Title of the notified document:** Notice of Modification to the *List of Permitted Food Enzymes* to Enable the Use of Lactase from *Kluyveromyces lactis* DS 80496 in Lactose-reducing Enzyme Preparations and in Certain Dairy Foods. **Language(s):** English and French. **Number of pages:** 4

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**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 lactase from *Kluyveromyces lactis* DS 80496 in the manufacture of lactose-reducing enzyme preparations and in certain dairy foods.

Lactase from other sources is already permitted for use in Canada in the same foods requested by the petitioner. However, the new source organism, *K. lactis* DS 80496, was not a permitted source for any food enzyme in Canada.

The results of the premarket assessment support the safety of lactase from *K. lactis* DS 80496 for its requested uses. Consequently, Health Canada has enabled the use of lactase from *K. lactis* DS 80496 as described in the information document by modifying the *List of Permitted Food Enzymes*, effective 2 February 2022.

The purpose of this communication is to publically announce the Department's decision in this regard and to provide the appropriate contact information for those wishing to submit an inquiry or new scientific information relevant to the safety of this food additive.

- 7. 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.
- 8. 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): International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): [] [X] None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? 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 2 February 2022 (available in English and French): https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvementpartnerships.html https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-publicpartenariats.html **Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):** 2 February 2022 10. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or 11. (dd/mm/yy): 2 February 2022 Trade facilitating measure 12. Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 17 April 2022 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: Text(s) available from: [] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry 13. Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: The "Notice of Modification to the List of Permitted Food Enzymes to Enable the Use of Lactase from Kluyveromyces lactis DS 80496 in Lactose-reducing Enzyme Preparations and in Certain Dairy Foods" is available through the following weblink:

https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/notice-modification-list-permitted-food-enzymes-lactase-kluyveromyces-lactis-lactose-reducing-preparations-dairy-foods.html (English)

https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/avis-modification-liste-enzymes-alimentaires-autorisees-permettre-utilisation-lactase-kluyveromyces-lactis-produits-enzymatiques-reduction-lactose-laitiers.html (French)

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