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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): Certain canned vegetables (ICS code: 67.080)
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 Firming Agents</i> to More Clearly Identify Certain Canned Vegetables. Language(s): English and French. Number of pages: 4 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/CAN/22_5678_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/CAN/22_5678_00_f.pdf
6. Description of content: From time to time, Health Canada may make minor modifications to the <i>Lists of Permitted Food Additives</i> , such as changes to correct errors, improve clarity, achieve consistency in terms used in the Lists, or to align the Lists with amendments of Part B of the Food and Drug Regulations. These minor changes are not intended to alter the permitted uses of food additives. To add clarity and to ensure consistency in terminology, Health Canada has replaced "tomatoes" with "canned tomatoes", and "canned vegetables" with "canned (naming the vegetable)" and "unstandardized canned vegetables" in the <i>List of Permitted Firming Agents</i> , effective 5 August 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 inquiries or feedback on this modification.
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. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):

<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 5 August 2022 (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): 5 August 2022</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): 5 August 2022</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): 18 October 2022</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>
<p>13. 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 Firming Agents to More Clearly Identify Certain Canned Vegetables</i>" is available through the following weblink: https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/notice-modification-list-permitted-firming-agents-canned-vegetables.html (English) https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/avis-modification-liste-agents-raffermissants-autorises-legumes-conserve.html (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: enquiry@international.gc.ca</p>