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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> Potassium sorbate to oyster-flavoured sauces (ICS code: 67.220.20)
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Notice of Modification to the <i>List of Permitted Preservatives</i> to Extend the Use of Potassium Sorbate to Oyster-Flavoured Sauces. <b>Language(s):</b> English and French. <b>Number of pages:</b> 3 and 4 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/CAN/22_6037_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/CAN/22_6037_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/CAN/22_6037_00_f.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/CAN/22_6037_00_f.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Health Canada's Food Directorate received a request seeking approval for the use of potassium sorbate as a preservative at a maximum level of 1,000 parts per million (ppm) in oyster-flavoured sauces. Oyster-flavoured sauce is considered an unstandardized fish product in Canada, and consequently, is not permitted to contain potassium sorbate due to the exception captured under subitem S.9 (2) of Part 2 of the <i>List of Permitted Preservatives</i> .  The Food Directorate recently permitted the use of benzoic acid and its salts as Class 2 preservatives in oyster flavoured sauce based on the fact that there was no scientific evidence to soundly rationalize the establishment of the above mentioned exceptions for Class 2 preservatives in certain types of unstandardized foods. Therefore, Health Canada has extended the use of potassium sorbate described in the information document by modifying Part 2 of the <i>List of Permitted Preservatives</i> , effective 26 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 those wishing to submit an inquiry or new scientific information relevant to the safety of this food additive.
<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.

<p><b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>  Health Canada's Food and Nutrition – "Public Involvement and Partnerships" Website, posted 26 August 2022 (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>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 26 August 2022</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b></p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 26 August 2022</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 8 November 2022</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>The "Notice of Modification to the <i>List of Permitted Preservatives</i> to Extend the Use of Potassium Sorbate to Oyster-Flavoured Sauces" is available through the following weblink:  <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/notice-modification-list-permitted-preservatives-extend-use-potassium-sorbate-oyster-flavoured-sauces.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/notice-modification-list-permitted-preservatives-extend-use-potassium-sorbate-oyster-flavoured-sauces.html</a> (English)  <a href="https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/avis-modification-liste-agents-conservation-autorises-afin-etendre-utilisation-sorbate-potassium-sauces-aromatisees-huitres.html">https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/avis-modification-liste-agents-conservation-autorises-afin-etendre-utilisation-sorbate-potassium-sauces-aromatisees-huitres.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: <a href="mailto:enquiry@international.gc.ca">enquiry@international.gc.ca</a></p>