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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

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| 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): Transglutaminase (ICS Codes: 67.220, 67.120.10) |
| 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: Health Canada's Proposal to Remove "Solid cut meat with or without added phosphate salts" from the List of Foods that are Permitted to Contain Transglutaminase in the <i>List of Permitted Food Enzymes</i> - Reference Number: NOP/AVP-0020 Language(s): English and French Number of pages: 4 |
| 6. | Description of content: Following the approval of the enzyme transglutaminase for use as a binding agent in certain prepackaged poultry products and meat products, including solid cut meat, Health Canada's Food Directorate received a number of inquiries related to the possibility of microbial contamination in the interior of meat products that are formed from smaller pieces of meat using transglutaminase. Health Canada subsequently revisited the safety assessment by considering the manner in which consumers might reasonably be expected to prepare meat and poultry products made using transglutaminase and did identify a potential food safety risk. Consequently, it is the intention of Health Canada to modify the <i>List of Permitted Food Enzymes</i> (http://hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/securit/addit/list/5-enzymes-eng.php) by removing the food category "Solid cut meat with or without added phosphate salts" from column 3 in the entry for sub-item T.01(8). 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 the safety of this food additive. |
| 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) |

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| <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (<i>e.g. ISPM number</i>)</p> <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 July 2016 (available in English and French): http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/index-eng.php (English) http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/index-fra.php (French)</p> |
| <p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): The proposed food additive use will be legally enabled once it is published in Health Canada's <i>List of Permitted Food Enzymes</i> (http://hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/securit/addit/list/5-enzymes-eng.php).</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): The food additive use noted in this document comes into force the day on which the modifications are made to the <i>List of Permitted Food Enzymes</i> (http://hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/securit/addit/list/5-enzymes-eng.php).</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): 17 September 2016</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 "Health Canada's Proposal to Remove "Solid cut meat with or without added phosphate salts" From the List of Foods that are Permitted to Contain Transglutaminase in the <i>List of Permitted Food Enzymes</i> - Reference Number: NOP/AVP-0020" is available through the following weblink: http://hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/meat-salts-viande-sels/document-consultation-eng.php (English) http://hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/meat-salts-viande-sels/document-consultation-fra.php (French)</p> |