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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION 1. **Notifying Member: CANADA** 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): Use of Erythritol to Ready-to-eat Breakfast Cereals and their Coatings (ICS code: 67.220.20) 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All trading partners [X] [] Specific regions or countries: 5. Title of the notified document: Notice of Modification to the List of Permitted Sweeteners to Extend the Use of Erythritol to Ready-to-eat Breakfast Cereals and their Coatings. Language(s): English and French. Number of pages: 3 and 4 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/CAN/23 1216 00 e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/CAN/23 1216 00 f.pdf 6. **Description of content:** Health Canada's Food Directorate completed a premarket safety assessment of a food additive submission seeking authorization for the use of erythritol in granola and other ready-to-eat (RTE) breakfast cereals and coatings for RTE breakfast cereals. Erythritol is already permitted for use as a food additive in various foods in Canada. The results of the premarket assessment support the safety of erythritol for its requested uses. Consequently, Health Canada has enabled the use of erythritol described in the information document below by modifying the List of Permitted Sweeteners, effective 2 February 2023. The purpose of this communication is to publicly 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

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

Animal Health Code, chapter 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 2 February 2023 (available in English and French):

https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships.html (English)

https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats.html (French)

10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 2 February 2023

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): 2 February 2023
 - [] 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 2023

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 Sweeteners* to Extend the Use of Erythritol to Ready-to-eat Breakfast Cereals and their Coatings" is available through the following weblink:

https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/notice-modification-list-permitted-sweeteners-extend-erythritol-ready-eat-breakfast-cereals-coatings.html (English)

https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/avis-modification-liste-edulcorants-autorises-etendre-utilisation-erythritol-cereales-dejeuner-pretes-consommer-leurs-enrobages.html (French)

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