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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

### Addendum

The following communication, received on 28 March 2023, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Canada.

#### Updated "Policy on *Listeria monocytogenes* in ready-to-eat foods"

Health Canada has published its updated "Policy on *Listeria monocytogenes* in ready-to-eat foods", which replaces the version dated 1 April 2011. This document sets out Health Canada's policy relating to the application, implementation and verification of control measures for *Listeria monocytogenes* in ready-to-eat foods sold in Canada. It is intended to support the interpretation and application of the *Food and Drugs Act* (sections 4 and 7), in the context of protecting consumers from foodborne listeriosis. The updated policy will come into effect on 1 October 2023.

#### **This addendum concerns a:**

- ☐ Modification of final date for comments
- ☐ Notification of adoption, publication or entry into force of regulation
- ☐ Modification of content and/or scope of previously notified draft regulation
- ☐ Withdrawal of proposed regulation
- ☐ Change in proposed date of adoption, publication or date of entry into force
- ☒ Other: Updated interpretative guidance.

**Comment period: (If the addendum extends the scope of the previously notified measure in terms of products and/or potentially affected Members, a new deadline for receipt of comments should be provided, normally of at least 60 calendar days. Under other circumstances, such as extension of originally announced final date for comments, the comment period provided in the addendum may vary.)**

- ☐ Sixty days from the date of circulation of the addendum to the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable

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The electronic version of the policy can be found at:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/legislation-guidelines/policies/listeria-monocytogenes-ready-eat-foods.html> (English)

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