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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>UNITED KINGDOM</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: The UK Food Safety Authorities comprising of the Food Standards Agency (FSA) and Food Standards Scotland (FSS)
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): Two novel foods: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Vitamin D2 mushroom powder (new authorisation)– UV-treated baker's yeast (<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>) (extension of use) One flavouring: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– 3-(1-((3,5-dimethylisoxazol-4-yl)methyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-1-(3-hydroxybenzyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (new authorisation) One food additive: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Rebaudioside M (new authorisation due to a new production method for steviol glycosides)
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: [X] All trading partners [] Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Authorisation of two novel foods, one flavouring and one food additive consisting of new authorisations, new production method (which will result in a consequential modification of an existing authorisation), and an extension of use. Language(s): English. Number of pages: Full text of the legislation is linked for: England: https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2023/334/pdfs/ukxi_20230334_en.pdf Scotland: https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2023/78/pdfs/ssi_20230078_en.pdf Wales: https://senedd.wales/media/rxeiejwn/sub-ld15749-e.pdf
6.	Description of content: The UK Food Safety Authorities are notifying Members of the intention to authorise two novel foods, one food flavouring and one food additive for use in the GB market, a consequential modification to an existing authorisation resulting from a new production method. The authorisations are: Two novel foods: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Vitamin D2 mushroom powder (new authorisation) for <i>Agaricus bisporus</i> mushroom powder that has been exposed to ultraviolet light to induce the conversion of provitamin D2 (ergosterol) to vitamin D2 (ergocalciferol). The authorisation is for uses in a variety of foods and beverages, foods for special medical purposes (FSMPs) (excluding those intended for infants), and in food supplements (excluding food supplements for infants and children under three years of age);

- UV-treated baker's yeast (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*) (extension of use). The extension of use is for a variety of foods and categories such as foods for special medical purposes (FSMPs). The novel food must be inactivated for use in infant formula, follow-on formula, processed cereal-based food and food for special medical purposes.

One flavouring:

- 3-(1-((3,5-dimethylisoxazol-4-yl)methyl)-1H-pyrazol-4-yl)-1-(3-hydroxybenzyl)imidazolidine-2,4-dione (new authorisation). This food flavouring (FL No 16.127) must be at least 99% pure and can be used to reduce the bitterness of certain foods. It is permitted in a variety of foods with maximum permitted levels ranging from 4 mg/kg to 100 mg/kg. The types of food it can be added to include dairy products e.g. dairy based drinks and desserts, confectionery, seasonings, ready to eat snack foods and edible ices.

One food additive:

- Rebaudioside M (new authorisation). A new food additive authorisation for enzymatically produced steviol glycoside (E 960c), which also results in a consequential modification of an existing authorisation (the name and E number of the food additive for the existing production method will be updated - E 960 steviol glycosides will become E 960a steviol glycosides from stevia). This food additive is authorised for use as a permitted low-calorie, high intensity sweetener.

These authorisations are made on the basis of the uses and specifications set out in the consultations linked in section 9.

7. Objective and rationale: ☒ 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):** CXG-62-2007 - Working Principles for Risk Analysis for Food Safety for Application by Governments

☐ **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):**

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

☐ **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:

Full details of the applications for authorisation of these regulated products are laid out in previous public consultations on the FSA and FSS websites available here:

[FSA original consultation on four miscellaneous regulated products \(17 October 2022 – 11 December 2022\)](#)

[FSS original consultation on four miscellaneous regulated products \(17 October 2022 – 11 December 2022\)](#)

[FSA additional focussed consultation: one novel food and one food additive \(23 January 2023 - 6 February 2023\)](#)

[FSS additional focussed consultation: one food additive \(23 January 2023 - 6 February 2023\)](#)

The consultations also link to the FSA/FSS risk assessment on the uses.

10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 22 March 2023 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 22 March 2023
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 15 May 2023 [X] Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: UK SPS Contact Point, Defra, Nobel House, London SW1P 3JR E-mail: UKSPS@defra.gov.uk
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