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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>CANADA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Health Canada
3.	<b>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> Brominated vegetable oil (ICS code: 67.220.20)
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Proposal to remove brominated vegetable oil from the List of permitted food additives with other accepted uses. <b>Language(s):</b> English and French. <b>Number of pages:</b>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> Health Canada recently completed an updated safety assessment of brominated vegetable oil (BVO) based on new and previously reviewed information. The outcome of the assessment does not support BVO continuing to be permitted for use as a food additive.  A summary of the Department's safety assessment can be found here: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/proposal-remove-brominated-vegetable-oil-list-permitted-food-additives-other-accepted-uses/document.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/proposal-remove-brominated-vegetable-oil-list-permitted-food-additives-other-accepted-uses/document.html</a>  Consequently, Health Canada proposes to remove BVO from the list of permitted food additives with other accepted uses: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/food-additives/lists-permitted/8-other-accepted-uses.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/food-additives/lists-permitted/8-other-accepted-uses.html</a>  The purpose of the information document 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.	<b>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.
8.	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b>

<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 21 May 2024 (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> (English)  <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> (French)</p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> The proposed food additive modification will be legally enabled once published in Health Canada's Lists of Permitted Food Additives (<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/food-additives/lists-permitted.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/food-additives/lists-permitted.html</a>).</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b></p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> The food additive modification(s) noted in this document come into force the day they are made to the Lists of Permitted Food Additives (<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/food-additives/lists-permitted.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/food-additives/lists-permitted.html</a>).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 30 July 2024</p> <p><b>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:</b></p>
<p><b>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:</b></p> <p>The Notice of proposal to remove brominated vegetable oil from the List of permitted food additives with other accepted uses is available through the following weblink:  <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/proposal-remove-brominated-vegetable-oil-list-permitted-food-additives-other-accepted-uses.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/proposal-remove-brominated-vegetable-oil-list-permitted-food-additives-other-accepted-uses.html</a> (English)  <a href="https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/proposition-retirer-huile-vegetale-brome-liste-additifs-alimentaires-autorises-autres-utilisations-acceptees.html">https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/proposition-retirer-huile-vegetale-brome-liste-additifs-alimentaires-autorises-autres-utilisations-acceptees.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:enquirypoint@international.gc.ca">enquirypoint@international.gc.ca</a></p>