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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

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): Natamycin (ICS code: 67.220.20)
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: Modification to the List of permitted preservatives to extend the use of natamycin. Language(s): English and French. Number of pages:
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 natamycin in unstandardized processed cheese products, standardized cream cheeses, unstandardized cream cheese products, ranch-flavoured dressings for salads and ranch-flavoured dips.
	The results of the premarket assessment support the safety and efficacy of natamycin for use as a preservative in unstandardized processed cheese products, standardized cream cheeses, unstandardized cream cheese products, ranch-flavoured dressings for salads and ranch-flavoured dips. Consequently, Health Canada has extended the use of natamycin as described in the information document above by modifying the <u>List of permitted preservatives</u> , effective 30 May 2024 .
	The purpose of this communication is to publicly announce the Department's intention 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 Animal Health Code, chapter number):
	[] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM 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 30 May 2024 (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***):** The proposed food additive modification(s) will be legally enabled once published in Health Canada's Lists of Permitted Food Additives (https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/food-additives/lists-permitted.html).

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): The food additive modification(s) noted in this document come into force the day they are made to the Lists of Permitted Food Additives (https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/food-additives/lists-permitted.html).
 - [] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 18 September 2024

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 Modification to the List of permitted preservatives to extend the use of natamycin is available through the following weblink:

https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/modification-list-permitted-preservatives-extend-use-natamycin.html (English)

https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/modification-liste-agents-conservation-autorises-etendre-utilisation-natamycine.html (French)

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