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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 22 July 2024, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Canada.

Modification to the List of permitted preservatives to enable the use of chitosan

Health Canada's Food Directorate completed a premarket safety assessment of a food additive submission seeking authorization for the use of chitosan from white button mushrooms (*Agaricus bisporus*) as a preservative in numerous foods. Chitosan is a new food additive in Canada.

The results of the premarket assessment support the safety and efficacy of chitosan from white button mushrooms (*A. bisporus*) as a preservative in numerous foods. Consequently, Health Canada is authorizing the use of chitosan from *A. bisporus* as described in the information document by modifying the [List of Permitted Preservatives](#), effective 30 May 2024.

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.

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:

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- ☐ 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 "Modification to the List of permitted preservatives to enable the use of chitosan" is available through the following weblink:

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

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

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