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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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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): Infant formula, human milk fortifiers, and formulated liquid diets
- 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: Notice of Intent to make a ministerial class exemption order for the exceptional importation of certain foods for a special dietary purpose to mitigate a shortage or risk of a shortage. Language(s): English and French. Number of pages: 1
- **6. Description of content:** Notice of Intent to inform interested parties of the Minister of Health's intention, pursuant to 30.05(1) of the *Food and Drugs Act* (FDA), to make a ministerial class exemption order for the exceptional importation of certain foods for a special dietary purpose (FSDP) to mitigate a shortage or the risk of a shortage of these products.

In the event of a shortage or risk of a shortage, the proposed order would enable the exceptional importation of certain FSDP by exempting them, subject to conditions, from certain prohibitions of the FDA and certain compositional, labelling, and pre-market requirements of the *Food and Drug Regulations* (FDR).

- 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:

Notice of Intent:

https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvementpartnerships/notice-of-intent-for-exceptional-importation-certain-foods-to-mitigateshortage.html (English) https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-publicpartenariats/avis-intention-importation-exceptionnelle-certains-aliments-pour-attenuerpenurie.html (French)

10. Proposed date of adoption (*dd/mm/yy***):** To be determined.

Proposed date of publication (*dd/mm/yy*): To be determined.

11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*: The proposed ministerial order would come into force upon its publication in the *Canada Gazette*, Part II.

[] Trade facilitating measure

12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): 15 November 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 electronic version of the regulatory text can be downloaded at: <u>https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/notice-of-intent-for-exceptional-importation-certain-foods-to-mitigate-shortage.html (English)</u> <u>https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/avis-intention-importation-exceptionnelle-certains-aliments-pour-attenuer-penurie.html (French)</u>

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