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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	**Notifying Member:** CANADA **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):** Various food colours, emulsifying agents and preservatives (ICS codes: 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:** Modifications to the List of Permitted Food Additives to set out the use of certain food colours, emulsifying agents and preservatives in two types of standardized flavouring preparations. **Language(s):** English and French. **Number of pages:**
6.	**Description of content:** As part of the modernization of Part B of the *Food and Drug Regulations* (FDR), Health Canada's Food and Nutrition Directorate intends to set out specific permitted uses of food colours and preservatives in "(naming the flavour) Extract or (naming the flavour) Essence" and of food colours, preservatives and emulsifying agents in "(naming the flavour) Flavour" in the Lists of Permitted Food Additives. The specific uses are based on the functional class food additive provisions currently set out in the food compositional standards for these two types of flavouring preparations and information Health Canada received from industry on the use of food additives from these functional classes in flavouring preparations. These modifications will come into force the day on which they are published in the **Lists of Permitted Food Additives** (https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/food-additives/lists-permitted.html) that will be incorporated by reference directly into the FDR. Health Canada will publish these lists on the Canada.ca website concurrently with the *Regulations Amending Certain Regulations Concerning Food Additives and Compositional Standards, Microbiological Criteria and Methods of Analysis for Food*, (https://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2023/2023-11-04/html/reg2-eng.html) which will be published in the *Canada Gazette*, Part II. The purpose of the information document is to publicly announce the Department's intent 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 these food additives.
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 "Notices of proposal and notices of modification": https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/legislation-guidelines/acts-regulations/notices-proposal-notices-modification.html (English) https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/legislation-lignes-directrices/lois-reglements/avis-proposition-avis-modification.html (French)
10.	**Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** The proposed food additive modifications 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 modifications 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)*:** 22 January 2025 **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:**

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The notice "Modifications to the List of Permitted Food Additives to set out the use of certain food colours, emulsifying agents and preservatives in two types of standardized flavouring preparations" is available through the following weblinks:
https://canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/legislation-guidelines/acts-regulations/notices-proposal-notices-modification/modification-list-permitted-additives-certain-food-colours-emulsifying-agents-preservatives.html
(English)
https://canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/legislation-lignes-directrices/lois-reglements/avis-proposition-avis-modification/modification-liste-additifs-alimentaires-autorises-certains-agents-conservation-agents-emulsifiants-colorants-alimentaires.html (French)

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