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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 6 November 2023, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Canada.

Notice of Modification to the *List of Permitted Colouring Agents* to Update the Permitted Uses of Amaranth in Foods

Health Canada's Food Directorate completed a re-evaluation of the permitted uses of the food colour amaranth as described in the notice of Health Canada's Proposal to Modify the Currently Permitted Uses of the Colouring Agent Amaranth in Various Foods [NOP/AVP-0023] that was published on 4 January 2017, and open to the public for comments for 75 days.

Health Canada has updated the permitted uses for amaranth to reduce the possibility of excessive dietary exposure to this food colour, while continuing to allow uses of interest to the food industry. The update was done by modifying the *List of Permitted Colouring Agents* as described in the information document, effective 3 November 2023.

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. The information document also summarizes Health Canada's responses to the comments received during the comment period that accompanied the Department's notice of proposal.

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/CAN/23_13344_00_e.pdf
https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/CAN/23_13344_00_f.pdf

This addendum concerns a:

- Modification of final date for comments
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- 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 electronic version of: "Notice of Modification to the List of Permitted Colouring Agents to Update the Permitted Uses of Amaranth in Foods" is available through:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/notice-modification-list-permitted-colouring-agents-update-uses-amaranth-foods.html>
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<https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/avis-modification-liste-colorants-autorises-afin-mettre-jour-utilisations-amarante-aliments.html> (French)

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