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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 23 August 2017, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Canada.

Notice of Modification - List of Contaminants and Other Adulterating Substances in Foods

Notice of Modification to the List of Contaminants and Other Adulterating Substances in Foods to Update the Maximum Level for Arsenic in Water in Sealed Containers

Background

Health Canada published a Proposal to Update the Maximum Levels for Arsenic in Apple Juice and Water in Sealed Containers in the List of Contaminants and Other Adulterating Substances in Foods – Reference Number: [NOP/ADP C-2017-1] (<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/proposal-update-maximum-levels-arsenic-apple-juice-water-sealed-containers/document.html>) on 1 March 2017 which was open to the public for comments for 75 days (G/SPS/N/CAN/1097). No new scientific information was submitted to the Department during the comment period in response to the portion of this Notice of Proposal pertaining to water in sealed containers. However, a number of comments were received in response to Health Canada's proposal to lower the maximum level (ML) for arsenic in apple juice. In order for Health Canada to fully consider the information and comments received regarding that proposal, the Department will only be proceeding with a Notice of Modification for a lower ML for water in sealed containers at this time.

Therefore, Health Canada will update the maximum level for arsenic in water in sealed containers, effective 14 May 2018, by modifying Part 2 of the *List of Contaminants and Other Adulterating Substances in Foods* (<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/chemical-contaminants/contaminants-adulterating-substances-foods.html>) as described in the information document below. This date is twelve months following the close of the Notice of Proposal comment period.

The purpose of this communication is to publically announce the Department's intention in this regard and to provide the appropriate contact information for any inquiries or for those wishing to submit any new scientific information relevant to Health Canada's scientific assessment.

http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/CAN/17_3739_00_e.pdf

http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/CAN/17_3739_00_f.pdf

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:

Comment period: (If the addendum extends the scope of the previously notified measure in terms of products and/or potentially affected Members, a new deadline for receipt of comments should be provided, normally of at least 60 calendar days. Under other circumstances, such as extension of originally announced final date for comments, the comment period provided in the addendum may vary.)

Sixty days from the date of circulation of the addendum to the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: National Notification Authority, National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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The electronic version of: "Modification to the List of Contaminants and Other Adulterating Substances in Foods to Update the Maximum Level for Arsenic in Water in Sealed Containers - Reference Number: NOM/ADM-C-2017-1" is available through:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/modification-list-contaminants-and-adulterating-substances-for-arsenic-in-water.html>
(English)

<https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/modification-liste-contaminants-et-autres-substances-adulterantes-pour-arsenic-dans-eau.html> (French)

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