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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 5 June 2018, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Canada.

Notice of Modification to the *List of Permitted Emulsifying, Gelling, Stabilizing or Thickening Agents* to Enable the Use of Tara Gum in Various Foods - Reference Number: NOM/ADM-0114

Health Canada's Food Directorate completed a detailed safety assessment of a food additive submission seeking approval for the use of tara gum, a new emulsifying, gelling, stabilizing and thickening agent, in the manufacture of various standardized and unstandardized foods.

Health Canada published a Proposal to Enable the Use of Tara Gum as an Emulsifying, Gelling, Stabilizing or Thickening Agent in Unstandardized Foods and Certain Standardized Foods [NOP/ADP-0027] on 23 August 2017. The proposal was open to the public for comment for 102 days. A summary of the comments and responses provided during this period is available in the information document referenced below.

As no safety concerns were raised through Health Canada's assessment, the Department has enabled the use of the food additive tara gum described in the information document below by updating the *List of Permitted Emulsifying, Gelling, Stabilizing or Thickening Agents*, effective 14 May 2018.

The purpose of this communication is to publically announce the Department's decision 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 the safety of this food additive.

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/CAN/18_2872_00_e.pdf
https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/CAN/18_2872_00_f.pdf

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<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/modification-permitted-emulsifying-gelling-stabilizing-thickening-tara-gum.html>

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