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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): Citric acid and asparaginase (ICS Code: 67.220.20)
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Notice of Modification to the <i>Lists of Permitted Food Additives</i> to Extend the Use of (1) Citric Acid and Asparaginase from <i>Aspergillus niger</i> ASP72 to Blackstrap Molasses Destined for the Manufacture of Confectionery Glazes for Snack Foods and (2) Asparaginase from <i>Aspergillus niger</i> ASP72 to Green Coffee - Reference Number: NOM/ADM-0105. Language(s): English and French. Number of pages: 4 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/CAN/17_4942_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/CAN/17_4942_00_f.pdf
6. Description of content: Health Canada's Food Directorate completed a detailed safety assessment of a food additive submission seeking approval for the use of (1) asparaginase from <i>Aspergillus niger</i> (<i>A. niger</i>) ASP72 and citric acid in the manufacture of blackstrap molasses, and (2) asparaginase from <i>A. niger</i> ASP72 to treat green coffee. <p>Asparaginase from <i>A. Niger</i> ASP72 is already permitted for use as a food enzyme in various foods, and asparaginase from two other source organisms is already permitted for use to treat green coffee. Asparaginase has not previously been permitted for use in blackstrap molasses.</p> <p>Citric acid has numerous permitted food additive uses, but it has not previously been authorized for use in blackstrap molasses or any other standardized type of molasses.</p> <p>As no safety concerns were raised through Health Canada's assessment, the Department has enabled the requested uses of the food additives asparaginase from <i>A. Niger</i> ASP72 and citric acid described in the information document below by updating the <i>List of Permitted Food Enzymes</i> (https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/food-additives/lists-permitted/5-enzymes.html) and the <i>List of Permitted pH Adjusting Agents, Acid-Reacting Materials and Water Correcting Agents</i> (https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/food-additives/lists-permitted/10-adjusting-agents.html), effective 2 October 2017.</p> <p>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 these food additives.</p>

7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Health Canada's Food and Nutrition – "Public Involvement and Partnerships" Website, posted 2 October 2017 (available in English and French): https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships.html https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats.html</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 2 October 2017</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 2 October 2017</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 15 December 2017</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>

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 "Notice of Modification to the Lists of Permitted Food Additives to Extend the Use of (1) Citric Acid and Asparaginase from *Aspergillus niger* ASP72 to Blackstrap Molasses Destined for the Manufacture of Confectionery Glazes for Snack Foods and (2) Asparaginase from *Aspergillus niger* ASP72 to Green Coffee - Reference Number: NOM/ADM-0105" is available through the following weblink:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/food-additives/lists-permitted/aspergillus-niger-asp72.html> (English)

<https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/salubrite-aliments/additifs-alimentaires/listes-additifs-alimentaires-autorises-aspergillus-niger-asp72.html> (French)

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