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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>CANADA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Health Canada
<b>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):</b> Gellan Gum (ICS Codes: 67.220.20, 67.100.01)
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Notice of Modification to the List of Permitted Emulsifying, Gelling, Stabilizing or Thickening Agents to Enable the Use of Gellan Gum in Certain Standardized Flavoured Milks - Reference Number: NOM/ADM-0119. <b>Language(s):</b> English and French. <b>Number of pages:</b> 3 and 4 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/CAN/18_3750_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/CAN/18_3750_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/CAN/18_3750_00_f.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/CAN/18_3750_00_f.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Health Canada's Food Directorate completed a detailed safety evaluation of a food additive submission seeking approval for the use of gellan gum in the manufacture of certain standardized flavoured milks.  Gellan gum is already permitted for use in unstandardized dairy products and unstandardized beverages at maximum levels of use of 0.15% and 0.08%, respectively.  As the safety in use of the additive was supported by Health Canada's evaluation, the Department has enabled the use of the food additive gellan gum described in the information document below by updating the List of Permitted Emulsifying, Gelling, Stabilizing or Thickening Agents, effective 9 July 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.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <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.

<p><b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Health Canada's Food and Nutrition – "Public Involvement and Partnerships" Website, posted 9 July 2018 (available in English and French):  <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships.html</a> (English)  <a href="https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats.html">https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats.html</a> (French)</p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 9 July 2018</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b></p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 9 July 2018</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 21 September 2018</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority,</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></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 List of Permitted Emulsifying, Gelling, Stabilizing or Thickening Agents to Enable the Use of Gellan Gum in Certain Standardized Flavoured Milks - Reference Number: NOM/ADM-0119" is available through the following weblink:*

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/modification-permitted-thickening-gellan-gum-milk.html> (English)

<https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/modification-autorises-epaississants-laits-gomme-gellan.html> (French)

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