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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 25 March 2019, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of <u>Canada</u>.

Notice of Modification to the *List of Permitted Colouring Agents* to Enable the Use of Ground Limestone in Unstandardized Confectionery - Reference Number: NOM/ADM-0129

Health Canada's Food Directorate completed a detailed safety assessment of a food additive submission seeking approval for the use of ground limestone in hard and soft candies and in inks for writing on various confections.

Health Canada published a *Notice of Health Canada's Proposal to Enable the Use of Ground Limestone* as a *Colouring Agent in Understandardized Confectionery* [NOP/ADP-0029] on 4 October 2018. The proposal was open to the public for comment for 75 days. No comments were received during this period.

As no safety concerns were identified through Health Canada's assessment, the Department has enabled the use of ground limestone as a food additive as described in the information document below by modifying the *List of Permitted Colouring Agents*, effective 20 March 2019.

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/2019/SPS/CAN/19 1743 00 e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/CAN/19 1743 00 f.pdf

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The "Notice of Modification to the *List of Permitted Colouring Agents* to Enable the Use of Ground Limestone in Unstandardized Confectionery - Reference Number: NOM/ADM-0129" is available through the following weblink:

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