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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 29 July 2019, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Canada.

Notice of Modification to the List of Contaminants and Other Adulterating Substances in Foods to Add a Maximum Level for Cyanide in Apricot Kernels - Reference Number: NOM/ADM C-2019-1

Health Canada published a Proposal to add cyanide in apricot kernels to the List of Contaminants and Other Adulterating Substances in Foods - Reference Number: NOP/ADP C-2018-1, which outlined three different options. The proposal was published on 18 December 2018 and was open for public comment for 75 days.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/proposal-update-maximum-levels-cyanide-apricot-kernels.html> (English)

<https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/proposition-visant-mettre-jour-concentrations-maximales-cyanure-amandes-apricots.html> (French)

A number of comments were submitted in response to this Notice of Proposal and were taken into consideration in the selection of the most suitable risk management approach. These comments are summarized in the Notice of Modification document below.

Health Canada's selected option is to add a new ML of 20 parts per million (ppm) total extractable cyanide in apricot kernels sold for human consumption, which is also applicable to apricot kernels used as an ingredient in other foods, to the List of Contaminants and Other Adulterating Substances in Foods.

Therefore, Health Canada will modify the regulatory List of Contaminants and Other Adulterating Substances in Foods, effective 25 January 2020, 6 months from the day this notice is published.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/chemical-contaminants/contaminants-adulterating-substances-foods.html> (English)

<https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/salubrite-aliments/contaminants-chimiques/contaminants-adulterantes-aliments.html> (French)

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 information relevant to Health Canada's scientific assessment.

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

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The electronic version of: "Notice of Modification to the List of Contaminants and Other Adulterating Substances in Foods to Add a Maximum Level for Cyanide in Apricot Kernels - Reference Number: NOM/ADM-C-2019-1" is available through:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/modification-permitted-maximum-level-cyanide-apricot-kernels.html> (English)

<https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/modification-enzymes-alimentaires-concentration-maximale-cyanure-noyaux-abricot.html> (French)

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