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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): Acesulfame Potassium, Sucralose, Steviol Glycosides, and Potassium Phosphate (ICS Code: 67.100.01)
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
 - [X] All trading partners
 - [] Specific regions or countries:
- 5. Title of the notified document: Health Canada's Notice of Modification to the Lists of Permitted Food Additives to Enable the use of Acesulfame Potassium, Sucralose, Steviol Glycosides as Sweeteners, and Potassium Phosphate, dibasic as a Stabilizer, in Certain Standardized Flavoured Milks Reference Number: NOM/ADM-0133. Language(s): English and French. Number of pages: 5 and 6
- **6. Description of content:** Health Canada's Food Directorate completed a premarket safety assessment of four food additive submissions seeking approval for the use of acesulfame potassium, sucralose, steviol glycosides from Stevia rebaudiana Bertoni as sweeteners and potassium phosphate, dibasic as a stabilizer, in certain standardized flavoured milks.

Acesulfame potassium, sucralose, and steviol glycosides from various sources are already permitted for use in Canada as sweeteners, in unstandardized beverages at the same maximum levels of use as those requested for standardized flavoured milks. Potassium phosphate, dibasic is also already permitted for use in Canada as a stabilizer, in certain dairy products.

The results of the premarket assessment support the safety of acesulfame potassium, sucralose, steviol glycosides and potassium phosphate, dibasic for their requested uses. Consequently, Health Canada has enabled the use of acesulfame potassium, sucralose, steviol glycosides from various sources and potassium phosphate, dibasic described in the information document below by modifying the List of Permitted Sweeteners (https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/food-additives/lists-permitted/9-sweeteners.html) and the List of Permitted Emulsifying, Gelling, Stabilizing or Thickening Agents (https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-additives/lists-permitted/4-emulsifying-gelling-stabilizing-thickening-agents.html), effective 27 June 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 these food additives.

- 7. Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests.
- 8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:
 - [] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):
 - [] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (*e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number*):
 - [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):
 - [X] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[]Yes []No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Health Canada's Food and Nutrition - "Public Involvement and Partnerships" Website, posted 27 June 2019 (available in English and French):

<u>https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships.html</u> (English)

<u>https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats.html</u> (French)

10. Proposed date of adoption (*dd/mm/yy*): 27 June 2019

Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):

11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): 27 June 2019

[] Trade facilitating measure

12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): 10 September 2019

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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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 "Health Canada's Notice of Modification to the Lists of Permitted Food Additives to Enable the use of Acesulfame Potassium, Sucralose, Steviol Glycosides as Sweeteners, and Potassium Phosphate, dibasic as a Stabilizer, in Certain Standardized Flavoured Milks - Reference Number: NOM/ADM-0133" is available on:

https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvementpartnerships/modification-food-additives-certain-flavoured-milks-0133.html (English)

https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-publicpartenariats/modification-additifs-aliments-alimentaires-certains-laits-aromatises-0133.html (French)

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