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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): Potassium Phosphate, dibasic in Infant Cereal Products, and Sodium Potassium Hexametaphosphate in Whey Products for Use in Infant Formula (ICS Codes: 67.220.20, 67.230)
- 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: Notice of Modification to the List of Permitted Sequestering Agents to Enable the Use of Potassium Phosphate, dibasic in Infant Cereal Products, and Sodium Potassium Hexametaphosphate in Whey Products for Use in Infant Formula Reference Number: NOM/ADM-0137. Language(s): English and French. Number of pages: 4

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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 potassium phosphate, dibasic in the manufacture of infant cereal products and sodium potassium hexametaphosphate in liquid whey destined for the manufacture of concentrated or dried whey products to be used in infant formula.

Potassium phosphate, dibasic is already permitted for use in Canada as a sequestering agent in some meat products. Sodium potassium hexametaphosphate is already permitted for use in Canada as a sequestering agent in liquid whey destined in the manufacture of concentrated or dried whey products.

As no safety concerns were raised through Health Canada's assessment of potassium phosphate, dibasic, and sodium potassium hexametaphosphate, the Department has enabled the use of these food additives described in the information document below by updating the List of Permitted Sequestering Agents, effective 7 August 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.

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.

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8.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:
	[] Codex Alimentarius Commission (<i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i>):
	[] 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 7 August 2019 (available in English and French):
	https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement- partnerships.html (English) https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public- partenariats.html (French)
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 7 August 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): 7 August 2019 [] Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (<i>dd/mm/yy</i>): 20 October 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:
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 Notice of Modification to the List of Permitted Sequestering Agents to Enable the Use of Potassium Phosphate, dibasic in Infant Cereal Products, and Sodium Potassium Hexametaphosphate in Whey Products for Use in Infant Formula - Reference Number: NOM/ADM-0137" is available through the following weblink:
	https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement- partnerships/modification-permitted-maximum-potassium-phosphate-sodium-potassium- infant-products.html (English)
	<u>https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/modification-phosphate-potassium-hexametaphosphate-sodium-potassium-nourrissons-bebes.html</u> (French)
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