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## **Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

## **NOTIFICATION**

- 1. Notifying Member: CANADA
  - 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): Pectinase from Aspergillus niger (ICS Code: 67.220.20)
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
  - [X] All trading partners
  - [ ] Specific regions or countries:
- **Title of the notified document:** Notice of Modification to the *List of Permitted Food Enzymes* to Enable the Use of Pectinase from *Aspergillus niger* in Unstandardized Fruit and Vegetable Products Reference Number: NOM/ADM-0157. **Language(s):** English and French. **Number of pages:** 4

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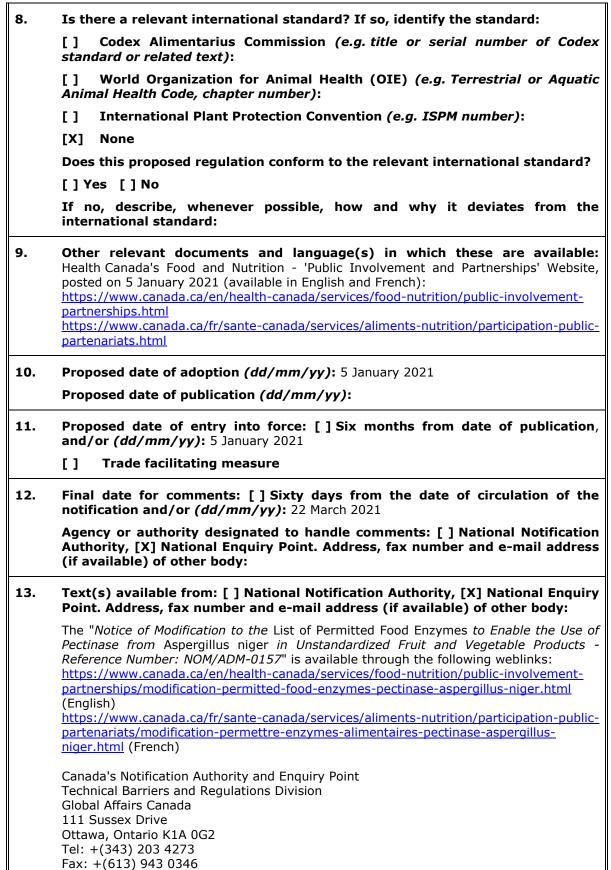
**6. Description of content:** Health Canada's Food Directorate completed a premarket safety assessment of a food additive submission seeking approval for the use of pectinase from *Aspergillus niger* in unstandardized fruit and vegetable products.

Pectinase from *A. niger* is already permitted for use in Canada as a food enzyme in several foods, including certain unstandardized fruit and vegetable products at a level consistent with Good Manufacturing Practice. Pectinase from sources other than *A. niger* is also permitted for such use in all unstandardized fruit and vegetable products but pectinase from *A. niger* is not permitted more broadly in this same manner.

The results of the premarket assessment support the safety of pectinase from *A. niger* for its requested use. Consequently, Health Canada has enabled the use of pectinase described in the information document by modifying the *List of Permitted Food Enzymes*, effective 5 January 2021.

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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