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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> CANADA <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Health Canada
<b>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):</b> Pectinase from <i>Aspergillus niger</i> (ICS Code: 67.220.20)
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Notice of Modification to the <i>List of Permitted Food Enzymes</i> to Enable the Use of Pectinase from <i>Aspergillus niger</i> in Unstandardized Fruit and Vegetable Products - Reference Number: NOM/ADM-0157. <b>Language(s):</b> English and French. <b>Number of pages:</b> 4 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/CAN/21_0335_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/CAN/21_0335_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/CAN/21_0335_00_f.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/CAN/21_0335_00_f.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Health Canada's Food Directorate completed a premarket safety assessment of a food additive submission seeking approval for the use of pectinase from <i>Aspergillus niger</i> in unstandardized fruit and vegetable products.  Pectinase from <i>A. niger</i> 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 <i>A. niger</i> is also permitted for such use in all unstandardized fruit and vegetable products but pectinase from <i>A. niger</i> is not permitted more broadly in this same manner.  The results of the premarket assessment support the safety of pectinase from <i>A. niger</i> for its requested use. Consequently, Health Canada has enabled the use of pectinase described in the information document by modifying the <i>List of Permitted Food Enzymes</i> , 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.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.

8.	<p><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
9.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p> <p>Health Canada's Food and Nutrition - 'Public Involvement and Partnerships' Website, posted on 5 January 2021 (available in English and French):</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships.html</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats.html">https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats.html</a></p>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 5 January 2021</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b></p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 5 January 2021</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 22 March 2021</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p>
13.	<p><b>Text(s) available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>The "Notice of Modification to the List of Permitted Food Enzymes to Enable the Use of Pectinase from <i>Aspergillus niger</i> in Unstandardized Fruit and Vegetable Products - Reference Number: NOM/ADM-0157" is available through the following weblinks:</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/modification-permitted-food-enzymes-pectinase-aspergillus-niger.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/modification-permitted-food-enzymes-pectinase-aspergillus-niger.html</a> (English)</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/modification-permettre-enzymes-alimentaires-pectinase-aspergillus-niger.html">https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/modification-permettre-enzymes-alimentaires-pectinase-aspergillus-niger.html</a> (French)</p> <p>Canada's Notification Authority and Enquiry Point      Technical Barriers and Regulations Division      Global Affairs Canada      111 Sussex Drive      Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0G2      Tel: +(343) 203 4273      Fax: +(613) 943 0346      E-mail: enquiry@international.gc.ca</p>