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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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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): Caramel in flavoured cheddar cheese (ICS Codes: 67.220.20; 67.100.30)
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Notice of Modification to the <i>List of Permitted Colouring Agents</i> to Enable the Use of Caramel in Flavoured Cheddar Cheese - Reference Number: NOM/ADM-0158. Language(s): English and French. Number of pages: 3 and 4 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/CAN/21_0827_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/CAN/21_0827_00_f.pdf
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 caramel as a colouring agent in a flavouring preparation used in the manufacture of flavoured cheddar cheese. The caramel is added to the flavouring preparation to improve the visibility of swirls of the flavouring preparation in the finished cheese. The caramel is not intended to impart colour to the entire cheese. Caramel is already permitted for use in Canada as a colouring agent in various standardized and unstandardized foods. The results of the premarket assessment support the safety of caramel for its requested use. Consequently, Health Canada has enabled the use of caramel described in the information document below by modifying the <i>List of Permitted Colouring Agents</i> , effective 22 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 inquiries or for those wishing to submit new scientific information relevant to the safety of this food additive.
7. Objective and rationale: <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. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):

<p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Health Canada's Food and Nutrition - 'Public Involvement and Partnerships' Website, posted 22 January 2021 (available in English and French): https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships.html https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats.html</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 22 January 2021</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 22 January 2021</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 7 April 2021</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>The "Notice of Modification to the List of Permitted Colouring Agents to Enable the Use of Caramel in Flavoured Cheddar Cheese - Reference Number: NOM/ADM-0158" is available through the following web link: https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/modification-permitted-food-colouring-agents-caramel-flavoured-cheddar-cheese.html (English) https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/modification-alimentaires-colorants-permettre-caramel-fromage-cheddar-aromatis.html (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 Canada Tel: +(343) 203 4273 Fax: +(613) 943 0346 E-mail: enquirypoint@international.gc.ca</p>