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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> Three food additives to certain plant protein isolate-based products (ICS Codes: 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 Lists of Permitted Food Additives to Extend the Use of Three Food Additives to Certain Plant Protein Isolate-based Products. <b>Language(s):</b> English and French. <b>Number of pages:</b> 4 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/CAN/21_4990_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/CAN/21_4990_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/CAN/21_4990_00_f.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/CAN/21_4990_00_f.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Health Canada's Food Directorate completed a premarket safety assessment of each of three food additive submissions, seeking approval for the use of gellan gum, nisin and transglutaminase from <i>Streptovercillium mobaraense</i> S-8112 in certain plant protein isolate-based products that resemble egg products. These food additives are already permitted for use in a variety of other foods in Canada.  The results of these premarket assessments support the safety and efficacy of these food additives for their requested use. Consequently, Health Canada has extended their use, and updated the name of the source for transglutaminase to " <i>Streptomyces mobaraensis</i> " to reflect its most recent taxonomic classification, as described in the information document below by modifying the <i>List of Permitted Emulsifying, Gelling, Stabilizing or Thickening Agents</i> , <i>List of Permitted Food Enzymes</i> and Part 2 of the <i>List of Permitted Preservatives</i> , effective 22 July 2021.  The purpose of this communication is to publically announce the Department's decisions 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 these food additives.
<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.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):

<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>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>  Health Canada's Food and Nutrition - 'Public Involvement and Partnerships' Website, posted 22 July 2021 (available in English and French):  <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>  <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>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 22 July 2021</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b></p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 22 July 2021</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 4 October 2021</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <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><b>13. Text(s) available from:</b> <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 Lists of Permitted Food Additives to Extend the Use of Three Food Additives to Certain Plant Protein Isolate-based Products" is available through the following weblink:  <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/modification-permitted-food-additives-plant-protein-isolate-based-products.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/modification-permitted-food-additives-plant-protein-isolate-based-products.html</a> (English)  <a href="https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/modification-additifs-alimentaires-produits-base-disolats-proteines-vegetales.html">https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/modification-additifs-alimentaires-produits-base-disolats-proteines-vegetales.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  Canada  Tel: +(343) 203 4273  Fax: +(613) 943 0346  E-mail: enquirypoint@international.gc.ca</p>