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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): Veterinary drug residues in foods of animal origin (ICS Codes: 11.220, 67.040, 67.120)
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: Proposal to amend the List of Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for Veterinary Drugs in Foods (Proposed MRL 2021-1). Language(s): English and French. Number of pages:
6. Description of content: This notification is further to the SPS notification (G/SPS/N/CAN/597/Add.2), where the Minister of Health has issued a Ministerial Regulation entitled " <i>Marketing Authorization (MA) for Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for Veterinary Drugs in Foods</i> " pursuant to section 30.3(1) and 30.5(1) of the <i>Food and Drugs Act</i> . The online " <i>List of Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for Veterinary Drugs in Foods</i> " https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/veterinary-drugs/maximum-residue-limits-mrls/list-maximum-residue-limits-mrls-veterinary-drugs-foods.html (referred hereafter as the List) is incorporated by reference and is maintained on Health Canada's website. Any proposed changes will continue to be the subject of consultation, public and international notification, and the List will then be updated administratively. The purpose of this proposal is to notify of a consultation on proposed changes to the List. The proposal includes MRLs for new veterinary drugs (for which MRLs have not previously been established), and for new foods for existing veterinary drugs (for which MRLs have previously been established). Rigorous safety assessments have been conducted to derive these MRLs. Residue compliance for the proposed MRLs has either been monitored and confirmed by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), or will be incorporated in future monitoring programs.
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.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-texts/maximum-residue-limits/en/</p> <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 type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Health Canada's 'Proposal to Amend the List of Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for Veterinary Drugs in Foods' Website, posted 13 October 2021 (available in English and French): https://www.canada.ca/en/services/health/consultations/consultation-amend-list-maximum-residue-limits-veterinary-drugs-foods-2021-1.html</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): When the Final Notice to Amend the List of MRLs for Veterinary Drugs in Foods is published on the Health Canada website, normally within six months from the date of this consultation.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 13 October 2021</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): On the date the Final Notice to Amend the List of MRLs for Veterinary Drugs in Foods is published on the Health Canada website.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 27 December 2021</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>By e-mail to vdd.HSD-DIH.dmv@hc-sc.gc.ca, with subject line: Proposal to Amend the List of Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for Veterinary Drugs in Foods (Proposed MRL 2021-1).</p>

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 electronic version of the regulatory text can be found at:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/veterinary-drugs/maximum-residue-limits-mrls/proposals-amend-list-maximum-residue-limits-mrls-veterinary-drugs-foods/2021-1.html> (English)

<https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/medicaments-produits-sante/medicaments-veterinaires/limites-maximales-residus/proposition-visant-modifier-liste-limites-maximales-residus-droques-usage-veterinaire-fixees-aliments/2021-1.html> (French)

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