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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>CANADA</u> <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> Green tea extract (EGCG/catechins) as a supplemental ingredient
<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> Health Canada's proposal to enable the use of green tea extract (EGCG/catechins) as a supplemental ingredient in foods. <b>Language(s):</b> English and French. <b>Number of pages:</b> 4 and 5
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Health Canada's Food Directorate has assessed green tea extract for use as a supplemental ingredient. This is one of the ingredients the Food Directorate previously identified for further assessment since it was an ingredient that was present in product(s) that were previously eligible to transition to the food regulatory framework under Temporary Marketing Authorizations.  Green Tea extract has a history of safe use as a flavouring in food. The continued use of green tea extract as a food flavouring ingredient is the responsibility of the food seller to ensure that the sale of a food containing green tea extract does not contravene section 4 of the <i>Food and Drugs Act</i> .  For food sellers who choose to use green tea extract as a supplemental ingredient, the Food Directorate concluded that information related to the safety of standardized green tea extract supports its safe use in supplemented foods provided levels of use do not exceed intakes equivalent to 300 mg epigallocatechin gallate (EGCG) and 600 mg total catechins per day, do not exceed 100 mg EGCG and 200 mg total catechins per serving, and that certain other compositional and labelling requirements are met; as set out in the table below. Therefore, Health Canada proposes to enable the use of green tea extract (EGCG/catechins) by adding the entry to the <i>List of Permitted Supplemental Ingredients</i> .
<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): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):

<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 28 July 2022 (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> The proposed supplemental ingredient will be legally enabled once published in Health Canada's <i>List of permitted supplemental ingredients</i> (<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/supplemented-foods/technical-documents/list-permitted-food-ingredients.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/supplemented-foods/technical-documents/list-permitted-food-ingredients.html</a>).</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"/> <b>Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> The supplemental ingredient modifications noted in this document come into force the day they are made to the <i>List of permitted supplemental ingredients</i> (<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/supplemented-foods/technical-documents/list-permitted-food-ingredients.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/supplemented-foods/technical-documents/list-permitted-food-ingredients.html</a>).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. 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> 3 October 2022</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>
<p><b>13. 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 "Health Canada's proposal to enable the use of green tea extract (EGCG/catechins) as a supplemental ingredient in foods" is available through the following weblink:  <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/notice-proposal-enable-use-green-tea-extract-supplemental-ingredient/document.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/notice-proposal-enable-use-green-tea-extract-supplemental-ingredient/document.html</a> (English)  <a href="https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/avis-proposition-visant-permettre-utilisation-extrait-the-vert-ingredient-supplementaire/document.html">https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/avis-proposition-visant-permettre-utilisation-extrait-the-vert-ingredient-supplementaire/document.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: <a href="mailto:enquiry@international.gc.ca">enquiry@international.gc.ca</a></p>