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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> Pectinesterase from <i>Aspergillus oryzae</i> AR-962 and Polygalacturonase from <i>Aspergillus oryzae</i> AR-183 in Certain Fruit and Vegetable 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 <i>List of Permitted Food Enzymes</i> to Enable the Use of Pectinesterase from <i>Aspergillus oryzae</i> AR-962 and Polygalacturonase from <i>Aspergillus oryzae</i> AR-183 in Certain Fruit and Vegetable Products. <b>Language(s):</b> English and French. <b>Number of pages:</b> 5 and 4 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/CAN/23_12831_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/CAN/23_12831_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/CAN/23_12831_00_f.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/CAN/23_12831_00_f.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Health Canada's Food Directorate completed the premarket safety assessments of two food additive submissions seeking authorization for the use of two types of pectinase, pectinesterase from <i>Aspergillus oryzae</i> AR-962 and polygalacturonase from <i>Aspergillus oryzae</i> AR-183, in fruit and vegetable processing and wine production.  The results of the premarket assessments support the safety of pectinesterase from <i>Aspergillus oryzae</i> AR-962 and polygalacturonase from <i>Aspergillus oryzae</i> AR-183 for their requested uses. Consequently, Health Canada has enabled the use of pectinesterase from <i>Aspergillus oryzae</i> AR-962 and polygalacturonase from <i>Aspergillus oryzae</i> AR-183 as described in the information document by modifying the <i>List of Permitted Food Enzymes</i> , effective September 28, 2023.  The purpose of the information document is to publicly announce the Department's decision in this regard and to provide the appropriate contact information for those wishing to submit an inquiry or 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> Health Canada's Food and Nutrition – 'Public Involvement and Partnerships' Web site, posted 28 September 2023 (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> (English)</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> (French)</p>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 28 September 2023</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"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 28 September 2023</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 11 December 2023</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>
13.	<p><b>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 List of Permitted Food Enzymes to Enable the Use of Pectinesterase from <i>Aspergillus oryzae</i> AR-962 and Polygalacturonase from <i>Aspergillus oryzae</i> AR-183 in Certain Fruit and Vegetable Products" is available through the following weblink:</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/notice-modification-list-permitted-food-enzymes-pectinesterase-aspergillus-polygalacturonase-fruit-vegetable-products.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/notice-modification-list-permitted-food-enzymes-pectinesterase-aspergillus-polygalacturonase-fruit-vegetable-products.html</a> (English)</p> <p><a href="https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/avis-modification-liste-enzymes-alimentaires-pectinesterase-aspergillus-polygalacturonase-produits-fruits-legumes.html">https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/avis-modification-liste-enzymes-alimentaires-pectinesterase-aspergillus-polygalacturonase-produits-fruits-legumes.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>