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Notice of Modification to the *List of Permitted Sweeteners* to Enable the Use of Steviol Glycosides as a Sweetener in Meal Replacement Bars

Notice of Modification – *Lists of Permitted Food Additives*

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Summary

Food additives are regulated in Canada under [Marketing Authorizations](#) (MAs) issued by the Minister of Health and the *Food and Drug Regulations*. Approved food additives and their permitted conditions of use are set out in the [Lists of Permitted Food Additives](#) that are incorporated by reference in the MAs. A petitioner can request that Health Canada approve a new additive or a new condition of use for an already approved food additive by filing a food additive submission with the Department's Food Directorate. Health Canada uses this premarket approval process to determine whether the scientific data support the safety of food additives when used under specified conditions in foods sold in Canada.

Health Canada received a food additive submission seeking approval for the use of steviol glycosides as a sweetener at a maximum level of use of 0.02%, calculated as steviol equivalents, in meal replacement bars.

Steviol glycosides is already permitted for use in Canada as a sweetener in various unstandardized foods.

The results of Health Canada's evaluation of available scientific data support the safety of steviol glycosides when used as set out in the table below. Therefore, Health Canada has modified the [List of Permitted Sweeteners](#) to extend the use of steviol glycosides by adding the entry shown below to the list.

Modification to the *List of Permitted Sweeteners*

| Item No. | Column 1 Additive | Column 2 Permitted in or upon | Column 3 Maximum Level of Use and Other Conditions |
|----------|--------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| S.1.2 | Steviol Glycosides | (8) Meal replacement bars | (8) 0.02% (calculated as steviol equivalents) |

Rationale

Health Canada's Food Directorate completed a pre-market safety assessment of steviol glycosides. The assessment considered microbiological, toxicological, nutritional and chemical aspects of steviol glycosides when used as requested in the food additive submission.

Based on the results of the safety assessment, Health Canada's Food Directorate considers that the data support the safety of steviol glycosides when used under the conditions of use set out in the table above. The Department has therefore enabled the use of steviol glycosides as described in the table.

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Implementation and Enforcement

The above modification came into force January 14, 2014, the day it was published in the [*List of Permitted Sweeteners*](#).

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency is responsible for the enforcement of the *Food and Drugs Act* and its associated regulations with respect to foods.

Contact Information

Health Canada's Food Directorate is committed to reviewing any new scientific information on the safety in use of any food additive, including steviol glycosides. Anyone wishing to submit new scientific information on the use of this additive or to submit any inquiries may do so in writing, by regular mail or electronically. If you wish to contact the Food Directorate electronically, please use the words "**steviol glycosides in meal replacement bars**" in the subject line of your e-mail.

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