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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

### *Addendum*

The following communication, received on 28 February 2017, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Canada.

#### Notice of Modification - Lists of Permitted Food Additives

Notice of Modification to Remove 'Solid cut meat with or without added phosphate salts', 'Solid cut poultry meat' and 'Solid cut poultry meat that contains phosphate salts or water' From the List of Foods that are Permitted to Contain Transglutaminase in the List of Permitted Food Enzymes - Document Reference Number: NOM/ADM-0086

#### Background:

In July 2016 Health Canada published a notice of a proposal, titled *Notice of Health Canada's Proposal to Remove "Solid cut meat with or without added phosphate salts" From the List of Foods that are Permitted to Contain Transglutaminase in the List of Permitted Food Enzymes - Reference Number: NOP/AVP-0020* (<http://hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/meat-salts-viande-sels/index-eng.php>) (G/SPS/N/CAN/1037). Upon analysing the comments submitted, Health Canada's Food Directorate will instead be exploring, as a separate project, alternative strategies such as product labelling for addressing the concerns about possible microbial contamination at the interior of certain types of formed meat products. As such, the food additive provisions will continue to allow the use of transglutaminase in these types of meat products.

In the course of the review, the Directorate determined that certain corrective modifications were required to the *List of Permitted Food Enzymes* (<http://hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/securit/addit/list/5-enzymes-eng.php>). These modifications will have no impact on the current approved uses of transglutaminase as described in the information document provided.

Therefore, Health Canada has modified the *List of Permitted Food Enzymes* (<http://hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/securit/addit/list/5-enzymes-eng.php>), effective 15 February 2017.

The purpose of this communication is to publically announce the Department's decision in this regard and to provide the appropriate contact information for any inquiries or for those wishing to submit any new scientific information relevant to the safety of this food additive.

[http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/CAN/17\\_1116\\_00\\_e.pdf](http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/CAN/17_1116_00_e.pdf)  
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- Modification of final date for comments
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- Modification of content and/or scope of previously notified draft regulation
- Withdrawal of proposed regulation
- Change in proposed date of adoption, publication or date of entry into force
- Other:

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Sixty days from the date of circulation of the addendum to the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable

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