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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): Total glycoalkaloids (TGA) in potato tubers (ICS Code: 67.080)
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: Notice of Health Canada's Proposal to Transfer the Maximum Level for total glycoalkaloids (TGA) in potato tubers (fresh weight) from the List of Maximum Levels for Various Chemical Contaminants in Foods to the regulatory List of Contaminants and Other Adulterating Substances in Foods - Reference Number: NOP/ADP-C-2017-5. Language(s): English and French. Number of pages: 5
6. Description of content: The List of Maximum Levels for Various Chemical Contaminants in Foods currently specifies a maximum level (ML) of 200 parts per million (p.p.m.) total glycoalkaloids in potato tubers (fresh weight), with total glycoalkaloids specified as being the sum of alpha-solanine and alpha-chaconine. If potatoes contain TGA at a concentration above 200 p.p.m., they would be considered in violation of section 4(1) of the Food and Drugs Act . The existing ML for TGA in potato tubers was reviewed by Health Canada in 2014. The Department has confirmed that this ML continues to be health protective and is achievable when good agricultural, manufacturing and storage practices are followed. Health Canada is proposing to transfer the existing ML for TGA in potato tubers from the List of Maximum Levels for Various Chemical Contaminants in Foods to the regulatory List of Contaminants and Other Adulterating Substances in Foods, thereby removing this ML from the first list. It is the intention of Health Canada to modify Part 2 of the List of Contaminants and Other Adulterating Substances in Food by adding a new entry for TGA (column 1), potato tubers (column 2) and 200 p.p.m. (column 3).
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 type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input 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 Food and Nutrition – "Public Involvement and Partnerships" Website, posted 4 August 2017 (available in English and French):</p> <p>https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships.html https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats.html</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): The proposed ML will be legally enabled once it is published in Health Canada's List of Contaminants and Other Adulterating Substances in Foods</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): The ML noted in this document comes into force the day on which the modification is made to the List of Contaminants and Other Adulterating Substances in Foods.</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): 17 October 2017</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>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Health Canada's Proposal to Transfer the Maximum Level for total glycoalkaloids (TGA) in potato tubers (fresh weight) to the regulatory List of Contaminants and Other Adulterating Substances in Foods is available through the following weblinks:</p> <p>https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/programs/consultation-proposal-update-maximum-levels-glycoalkaloids-potato-tubers.html (English) https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/programmes/consultation-proposition-visant-mettre-jour-concentrations-maximal-glycoalkaloides-tubercules-pomme-de-terre.html (French)</p>