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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): Ethylene oxide (ICS Code: 67.220.20)
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: Health Canada's Proposal to Remove Ethylene Oxide from the <i>List of Permitted Food Additives with Other Accepted Uses</i> . Language(s): English and French. Number of pages: 3 and 4 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/CAN/17_2627_00_e.pdf http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/CAN/17_2627_00_f.pdf
6. Description of content: The Federal Government completed a detailed safety assessment of ethylene oxide, which included the current uses as food additives. Ethylene Oxide is permitted for use as a fumigant on whole or ground spices. Since the current scientific information does not support the safety in use of this additive, Health Canada intends to remove ethylene oxide from the <i>List of Permitted Food Additives with Other Accepted Uses</i> . The purpose of this communication is to publically announce the Department's intention 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 these food additives.
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. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <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): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

<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>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Health Canada's Food and Nutrition - "Public Involvement and Partnerships" Website, posted 1 June 2017 (available in English and French): http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/index-eng.php http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/index-fra.php</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): The proposed food additive de-listing(s) will be legally enabled once removed from Health Canada's <i>Lists of Permitted Food Additives</i> (http://hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/securit/addit/list/index-eng.php). Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): The food additive modification(s) noted in this document come into force the day they are made to the <i>Lists of Permitted Food Additives</i> (http://hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/securit/addit/list/index-eng.php). <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 15 August 2017 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>
<p>13. 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: The "Health Canada's Proposal to Remove Ethylene Oxide from the <i>List of Permitted Food Additives with Other Accepted Uses</i> – Reference Number: NOP/AVP-0025" is available through the following weblink: http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/nop-avp-0025/nop-avp-0025-eng.php (English) http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/nop-avp-0025/nop-avp-0025-fra.php (French)</p>