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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: CANADA 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): Ground limestone (ICS Codes: 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: Notice of Health Canada's Proposal to Enable the Use of Ground Limestone as a Colouring Agent in Unstandardized Confectionery - Reference Number: NOP/ADP-0029. Language(s): English and French. Number of pages: 4 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/CAN/18_5245_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/CAN/18_5245_00_f.pdf
6.	Description of content: The Federal Government completed a detailed safety assessment of a food additive submission seeking approval for the use of ground limestone as a colouring agent in hard and soft candies and in edible inks for writing on certain confectionery. The results of Health Canada's evaluation of available scientific data support the safety of ground limestone for use as a colouring agent in such unstandardized confectionery. Therefore, Health Canada intends to modify the <i>List of Permitted Colouring Agents</i> (https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/food-additives/lists-permitted/3-colouring-agents.html) as described in the information document referenced below. 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 this food additive.
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):

<p>[X] None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p>[] Yes [] 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 4 October 2018 (available in English and French): https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships.html (English) https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats.html (French)</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 4 October 2018</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 4 October 2018</p> <p>[] Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 17 December 2018</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] 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: [] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>The "Notice of Health Canada's Proposal to Enable the Use of Ground Limestone as a Colouring Agent in Unstandardized Confectionery - Reference Number: NOP/ADP-0029" is available through the following weblink:</p> <p>https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/limestone-colouring-agent-unstandardized-confectionery/information-document.html (English) https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/calcaire-coloration-agent-nonnormalise-confiserie/document-dinformation.html (French)</p> <p>Canada's SPS and TBT Notification Authority and Enquiry Point Technical Barriers and Regulations Division Global Affairs Canada 111 Sussex Drive Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0G2 Tel: +(343) 203 4273 Fax: +(613) 943 0346 E-mail: enquiry@international.gc.ca</p>