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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>CANADA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Health Canada
3.	<b>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):</b> Steviol glycosides (ICS Codes: 67.220, 67.230)
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Notice of Modification to the <i>List of Permitted Sweeteners</i> to Enable the Use of Steviol Glycosides as a Sweetener in Meal Replacement Bars <b>Language(s):</b> English and French <b>Number of pages:</b> 3 <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/sps/CAN/14_0252_00_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/sps/CAN/14_0252_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/sps/CAN/14_0252_00_f.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/sps/CAN/14_0252_00_f.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> Health Canada's Food Directorate completed a detailed safety assessment of a food additive submission seeking approval for the use of steviol glycosides as a sweetener in meal replacement bars.  Steviol glycosides are already permitted for use in Canada as a sweetener in various unstandardized foods.  As no safety concerns were raised through this assessment, the Department has enabled the food additive use described in the information document by updating the <i>List of Permitted Sweeteners</i> , effective 14 January 2014. 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.  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.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <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><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (<i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (<i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (<i>e.g. ISPM number</i>)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
9.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>          Health Canada's Food and Nutrition - "Public Involvement and Partnerships" Website, posted 14 January 2014 (available in English and French):  <a href="http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/index-eng.php">http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/index-eng.php</a> (English)  <a href="http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/index-fra.php">http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/index-fra.php</a> (French)</p>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 14 January 2014</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b></p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 14 January 2014</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 29 March 2014</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
13.	<p><b>Texts available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>The electronic version of "Notice of Modification to the <i>List of Permitted Sweeteners</i> to Enable the Use of Steviol Glycosides as a Sweetener in Meal Replacement Bars" is available through the following weblink:  <a href="http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/nom-adm-0022/index-eng.php">http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/nom-adm-0022/index-eng.php</a> (English)  <a href="http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/nom-adm-0022/index-fra.php">http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/nom-adm-0022/index-fra.php</a> (French)</p>