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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

### *Addendum*

The following communication, received on 26 May 2015, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Canada.

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

Health Canada's Food Directorate completed a detailed safety assessment of a food additive submission seeking approval for the use of the enzyme asparaginase, obtained from *Bacillus subtilis* MOL2940, in bread, flour, whole wheat flour, unstandardized foods and green coffee.

Asparaginase is used in food applications to reduce the amount of acrylamide (<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/securit/chem-chim/food-aliment/acrylamide/index-eng.php>) that can be formed during cooking or heat processing from the amino acid asparagine that is naturally present in food. Asparaginase from other microbial sources is already permitted for use in these same foods.

As no safety concerns were raised through this assessment, the Department has enabled the food additive use described in the information document below by updating the List of Permitted Food Enzymes (<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/securit/addit/list/5-enzymes-eng.php>), effective 21 May 2015. 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 asparaginase from *Bacillus subtilis* MOL2940. 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.

[http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/CAN/15\\_2137\\_00\\_e.pdf](http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/CAN/15_2137_00_e.pdf)

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The electronic version of: "*Notice of Modification to the List of Permitted Food Enzymes to Enable the Use of the Enzyme Asparaginase, from Bacillus subtilis MOL2940, in Bread, Flour, Whole Wheat Flour, Unstandardized Foods and Green Coffee – Document Reference number: NOM/ADM-0050*" can be ordered at:

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/nom-adm-0050/index-eng.php> (English)

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