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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 4 September 2014, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Canada.

Policy on the Control of *E. coli* O157: H7/NM Contamination in Raw Beef Products

The proposal notified in G/SPS/N/CAN/805 (dated 31 March 2014) was adopted with amendments on 21 August 2014. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is implementing a policy to allow for a three month transition period of these final amendments before enforcement.

CFIA has revised its Policy on the Control of *E. coli* O157:H7/NM Contamination in Raw Beef Products and finalized its labelling requirements for mechanically tenderized beef:

- Changes in the manner of identifying "mechanically tenderized";
- Safe cooking instructions revised to "Cook to a minimum internal temperature of 63°C (145°F)"; and
- In the case of steaks, an additional safe cooking instruction indicating "Turn steak over at least twice during cooking" to help achieve a consistent temperature throughout.

This addendum concerns a:

- ☐ Modification of final date for comments
- ☒ Notification of adoption, publication or entry into force of regulation
- ☐ Modification of content and/or scope of previously notified draft regulation
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- ☐ Other:

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