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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 21 April 2015, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Canada.

Notice of Modification – Lists of Permitted Food Additives

Health Canada received five food additive submissions that together sought approval for the use of tripotassium phosphate (potassium phosphate, tribasic), potassium triphosphate, sodium potassium triphosphate and sodium potassium hexametaphosphate in those foods where trisodium phosphate (referred to in the *Lists of Permitted Food Additives* as sodium phosphate, tribasic), sodium triphosphate and sodium hexametaphosphate are already permitted. The requested levels and conditions of use of these potassium and sodium potassium phosphates are the same as for the already permitted sodium analogues.

The results of Health Canada's evaluation of available scientific data support the safety of tripotassium phosphate (which will be referred to in the *Lists of Permitted Food Additives* as potassium phosphate, tribasic), potassium triphosphate, sodium potassium triphosphate and sodium potassium hexametaphosphate when used as requested.

Since the new potassium phosphates and sodium potassium phosphates are food additives that were not previously permitted for use in Canada, Health Canada published a *Proposal to Enable the Use of Tripotassium Phosphate (Potassium Phosphate, Tribasic), Potassium Triphosphate, Sodium Potassium Triphosphate and Sodium Potassium Hexametaphosphate in Various Standardized and Unstandardized Foods* (<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/nop-adm-0008/document-consultation-eng.php>) on 11 September 2014, requesting comments. The proposal also included extensions of use for certain already-permitted phosphates that would improve consistency among food additive provisions for phosphates.

No scientific information was submitted to the Department as a result of this publication that altered the conclusion of the safety assessment. Since the outcome of the evaluation remains as indicated in the published proposal, Health Canada has modified the *Lists of Permitted Food Additives* (<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/securit/addit/list/index-eng.php>) as described in the information document available below, effective 14 April 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 these food additives.

http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/CAN/15_1683_00_e.pdf
http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/CAN/15_1683_00_f.pdf

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
- ☐ Withdrawal of proposed regulation
- ☐ Change in proposed date of adoption, publication or date of entry into force
- ☐ Other:

Comment period: *(If the addendum extends the scope of the previously notified measure in terms of products and/or potentially affected Members, a new deadline for receipt of comments should be provided, normally of at least 60 calendar days. Under other circumstances, such as extension of originally announced final date for comments, the comment period provided in the addendum may vary.)*

- ☐ Sixty days from the date of circulation of the addendum to the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable

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The electronic version of: "Notice of Modification to the Lists of Permitted Food Additives to Enable the Use of Tripotassium Phosphate (Potassium Phosphate, Tribasic), Potassium Tripolyphosphate, Sodium Potassium Tripolyphosphate and Sodium Potassium Hexametaphosphate in Various Standardized and Unstandardized Foods – Document Reference number: NOM/ADM-0048" can be ordered at:

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/nom-adm-0048/index-eng.php> (English)

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