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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>CANADA</u> 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): Polysorbate 80 (ICS Codes: 67.220, 67.220.10, 67.060)
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 Modification to the <i>List of Permitted Emulsifying, Gelling, Stabilizing or Thickening Agents</i> to Enable the Use of Polysorbate 80 in Seasonings and Rice-Based Ready-to-Eat Cereals Language(s): English and French Number of pages: 4 and 4 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/CAN/15_3702_00_e.pdf http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/CAN/15_3702_00_f.pdf
6.	Description of content: Health Canada's Food Directorate received two separate food additive submissions seeking approval for the use of polysorbate 80 (polyoxyethylene (20) sorbitan monooleate) in seasonings and in rice-based ready-to-eat cereals. Polysorbate 80 is already permitted for use in Canada as an emulsifier in several standardized and unstandardized foods. The results of Health Canada's evaluation of available scientific data support the safety of polysorbate 80 when used in seasonings and in rice-based ready-to-eat cereals as requested by the petitioners. Therefore, Health Canada has modified the <i>List of Permitted Emulsifying, Gelling, Stabilizing or Thickening Agents</i> (http://hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/securit/addit/list/4-emulsif-eng.php), effective 15 September 2015, to extend the use of polysorbate 80 as described in the information document. 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 polysorbate 80. Anyone wishing to submit new scientific information on the use of this food additive or to submit any inquiries may do so in writing, by regular mail or electronically.
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.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</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>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <p>Health Canada's Food and Nutrition - "Public Involvement and Partnerships" Website, posted 15 September 2015 (available in English and French): http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/index-eng.php (English) http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/index-fra.php (French)</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): The proposed food additive use will be legally enabled once it is published in Health Canada's <i>List of Permitted Emulsifying, Gelling, Stabilizing or Thickening Agents</i>.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 15 September 2015</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): The food additive use noted in this document comes into force on the day on which the modifications are made to the <i>List of Permitted Emulsifying, Gelling, Stabilizing or Thickening Agents</i>.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 29 November 2015</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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>Text(s) available from: <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 "Notice of Modification to the <i>List of Permitted Emulsifying, Gelling, Stabilizing or Thickening Agents</i> to Enable the Use of Polysorbate 80 in Seasonings and Rice-Based Ready-to-Eat Cereals" is available through the following weblink: http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/nom-adm-0060/index-eng.php (English) http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/nom-adm-0060/index-fra.php (French)</p>