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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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## NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>CANADA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) <b>Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b> Canada's SPS & TBT Notification Authority and Enquiry Point Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada Technical Barriers and Regulations Division (TIB) 111 Sussex Drive, Ottawa, ON K1A 0G2 Canada Telephone: (343)203-4273 Fax: (613) 943-0346 E-mail: <a href="mailto:enquiry@international.gc.ca">enquiry@international.gc.ca</a>
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [ X ], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
4.	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Maple syrup (HS 17.02.20) - Maple sugar and maple syrup (HS 170220)
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Proposed Regulations Amending the Maple Products Regulations (MPR) (23 pages, available in English and French)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> Canada is proposing to amend the current <i>Maple Products Regulations</i> under the <i>Canada Agricultural Products Act</i> to modernize the definition, the grade and colour class standards, and some label requirements for maple syrup. These proposed regulatory amendments would: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Replace the current grading system with two new grade standards and four new colour classes;</li><li>2. Introduce a maximum soluble solid content into the grading requirements;</li><li>3. Introduce the term "exclusively" into the definition of maple syrup to reinforce the understanding that maple syrup is to be produced solely from maple sap; and</li><li>4. Require production codes or lot numbers or both.</li></ol>
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> These proposed regulatory amendments would reduce consumer confusion in regards to the grading of maple syrup, facilitate the adoption of harmonized North American maple syrup standards, and improve the traceability of maple products when food safety concerns arise.

8.	<b>Relevant documents:</b> <i>Canada Gazette</i> , Part I, 28 June 2014, Pages 1650-1672 (available in English and French)
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> 15 October 2014 <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> These Regulations come into force on 15 March 2015. However, the proposed amendments would provide for a two-year implementation transition period during which industry would be allowed to adjust to the new requirements
10.	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 11 September 2014
11.	<b>Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</b> The electronic version of the regulatory text can be downloaded at: <a href="http://canadagazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2014/2014-06-28/pdf/g1-14826.pdf#page=43">http://canadagazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2014/2014-06-28/pdf/g1-14826.pdf#page=43</a> <a href="http://gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2014/2014-06-28/html/reg1-eng.php">http://gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2014/2014-06-28/html/reg1-eng.php</a> <a href="http://gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2014/2014-06-28/html/reg1-fra.php">http://gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2014/2014-06-28/html/reg1-fra.php</a>