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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): Food products in general (ICS: 67.040)
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
 - [X] All trading partners

[] Specific regions or countries:

- 5. Title of the notified document: Regulations Amending Certain Regulations Concerning Food Additives and Compositional Standards, Microbiological Criteria and Methods of Analysis for Food. Language(s): English and French. Number of pages: 107
- 6. Description of content: The proposed regulations would amend Part B of the Food and Drug Regulations (FDR), along with targeted amendments to Parts A and D of the FDR. In particular, the proposed amendments include introducing modernized frameworks for setting, and updating the regulations for food compositional standards, microbiological criteria and methods of analysis, as well as continuing the modernization of the food additives framework that was initiated in 2012. Consequential amendments would also be made to certain regulations under the Cannabis Act, Excise Act, 2001, Pest Control Products Act, and Safe Food for Canadians Act.
- 7. Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests.
- 8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:
 - [] Codex Alimentarius Commission (*e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text*):
 - [] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):
 - [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):
 - [X] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[]Yes []No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Canada Gazette, Part I, 4 November 2023, pages 3365-3471 (available in English and French) https://canadagazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2023/2023-11-04/pdf/g1-15744.pdf 10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): These Regulations come into force on the day on which they are published in the Canada Gazette, Part II. Trade facilitating measure [] Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the 12. notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 2 February 2024 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: 13. Text(s) available from: [] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: The electronic version of the regulatory text can be downloaded at: https://canadagazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2023/2023-11-04/html/reg2-eng.html (English) https://canadagazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2023/2023-11-04/html/reg2-fra.html (French) Canada's Notification Authority and Enguiry Point Technical Barriers and Regulations Division Global Affairs Canada 111 Sussex Drive Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0G2 Canada Tel: +(343) 203 4273 Fax: +(613) 943 0346 E-mail: enquirypoint@international.gc.ca