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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): Brominated vegetable oil (ICS code: 67.220.20)
- 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: Proposal to remove brominated vegetable oil from the List of permitted food additives with other accepted uses. Language(s): English and French. Number of pages:
- 6. **Description of content:** Health Canada recently completed an updated safety assessment of brominated vegetable oil (BVO) based on new and previously reviewed information. The outcome of the assessment does not support BVO continuing to be permitted for use as a food additive.

A summary of the Department's safety assessment can be found here: <u>https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/proposal-remove-brominated-vegetable-oil-list-permitted-food-additives-other-accepted-uses/document.html</u>

Consequently, Health Canada proposes to remove BVO from the list of permitted food additives with other accepted uses: <u>https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/food-additives/lists-permitted/8-other-accepted-uses.html</u>

The purpose of the information document is to publicly announce the Department's decision in this regard and to provide the appropriate contact information for those wishing to submit an inquiry or new scientific information relevant to the safety of this food additive.

- 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):

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[] 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: Health Canada's Food and Nutrition – 'Public Involvement and Partnerships' Website, posted 21 May 2024 (available in English and French): <u>https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships.html</u> (English) <u>https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats.html</u> (French)
- **10. Proposed date of adoption (***dd/mm/yy***):** The proposed food additive modification will be legally enabled once published in Health Canada's Lists of Permitted Food Additives (<u>https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/food-additives/lists-permitted.html</u>).

Proposed date of publication (*dd/mm/yy*):

- 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): The food additive modification(s) noted in this document come into force of Additives made the Lists Permitted the day they are to Food (https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/foodadditives/lists-permitted.html).
  - [] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): 30 July 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 Notice of proposal to remove brominated vegetable oil from the List of permitted food additives with other accepted uses is available through the following weblink: https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvementpartnerships/proposal-remove-brominated-vegetable-oil-list-permitted-food-additivesother-accepted-uses.html (English) https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-publicpartenariats/proposition-retirer-huile-vegetale-bromee-liste-additifs-alimentairesautorises-autres-utilisations-acceptees.html (French) Canada's Notification Authority and Enquiry Point Tachnical Barriars and Bagulations Division

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