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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>CANADA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Department of Health
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable).): Aminopeptidase enzyme Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Proposed Amendment to the Food and Drug Regulations (1097 – Aminopeptidase) (pages 1200-1203)
5.	<p>Description of content: Health Canada has received a submission to allow the use of aminopeptidase enzyme from <i>Lactococcus lactis</i> in the production of cheese, dairy-based flavouring preparations and food protein hydrolyzates.</p> <p>Extensive studies have determined the safety and efficacy of aminopeptidase from <i>Lactococcus lactis</i> for the proposed uses. The specifications for this enzyme conform to the requirements for enzyme preparations in the Food Chemicals Codex 4th Edition. This enzyme has been approved for use in the United States since 1995.</p> <p>The proposed amendments would permit the use of the aminopeptidase enzyme from <i>Lactococcus lactis</i> in combination with other permitted food enzymes to enhance the rate of ripening in (named variety) cheese and to prevent the formation of bitter off-flavours in the production of dairy-based flavouring preparations and food protein hydrolysates. In these applications, the aminopeptidase enzyme would be used at levels consistent with "Good Manufacturing Practice".</p>
6.	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
7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> . If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Canada Gazette, Part I, 15 April 2000 (Available in English and French)
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Not stated.
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: Not stated.

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| 11. | Final date for comments: 15 May 2000
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