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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: 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): Sodium tripolyphosphate (ICS: 67.220.20)
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Not stated.
5.	Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Interim Marketing Authorization regarding the use of Sodium Tripolyphosphate in Canned Whelks (available in English and French; pages 1919-1920)
6.	Description of content: Provision currently exists in the <i>Food and Drug Regulations</i> for the use of the food additive sodium tripolyphosphate in a wide variety of foods. Health Canada has received a submission to permit the use of sodium tripolyphosphate as a sequestering agent in canned whelks at a maximum level of use of 5,000 parts per million (ppm.). Evaluation of available data supports the safety and effectiveness of the use of this food additive in this application. Therefore, it is the intention of Health Canada to recommend that the <i>Food and Drug Regulations</i> be amended to permit the use of sodium tripolyphosphate in canned whelks at a maximum level of 5,000 ppm., singly or in combination with sodium hexametaphosphate and sodium acid pyrophosphate. As a means to improve the responsiveness of the regulatory system, an Interim Marketing Authorization (IMA) is being issued to permit the immediate use of sodium tripolyphosphate as indicated above while the regulatory process is undertaken to formally amend the Regulations. A revision to this notification will be published at the start of the amendment process and Members will be given the opportunity at that time to submit comments on this proposed measure.
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

<p>8. International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</p>
<p>9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Canada Gazette, Part I, 21 June 2003 (Available in English and French)</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption: Immediate for this IMA. For this final regulation, will be stated in subsequent Revision or Addendum to this notification.</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: Immediate for this IMA. For this final regulation, will be stated in subsequent Revision or Addendum to this notification.</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: This document is not for comment at this time. A comment period will be provided in a Revision of this notification. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
<p>13. Texts available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: The electronic version of the regulatory text can be downloaded at: http://canadagazette.gc.ca/partI/2003/20030621/pdf/g1-13725.pdf</p>