

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

Revision

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 should be provided in addition, where applicable): L-Cysteine (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: Proposed Amendment to the Food and Drug Regulations (1118 – L-Cysteine) (English and French, pages 3263-3265)
6. Description of content: <p>Provision currently exists in the <i>Food and Drug Regulations</i> for the use of another form of L-Cysteine, namely L-Cysteine hydrochloride, as a bleaching, maturing and dough conditioning agent in a variety of bakery products and in sulphite replacement formulations to prevent the browning of prepared fruits and vegetables. Health Canada has received a submission to permit the use of L-Cysteine in fruit flavoured nutritional supplements as an antioxidant to inhibit the oxidation of ascorbic acid and the polyunsaturated fatty acids in these products.</p> <p>Evaluation of available data supports the effectiveness and safety of the use of L-Cysteine to extend the shelf life of fruit flavoured nutritional supplements. There is no safety concern with this use because L-Cysteine is a common component of protein and is already part of the consumer's daily diet.</p> <p>Health Canada subsequently received a proposal that the use of L-Cysteine be extended to all nutritional supplements rather than being restricted to fruit flavoured nutritional supplements. Health Canada has considered this suggestion and agrees that the use of L-Cysteine should be permitted in all nutritional supplements, since there is no safety concern with this extended use.</p> <p>This proposed amendment to the <i>Food and Drug Regulations</i> would permit the optional addition of L-Cysteine in all nutritional supplements, as set out in section B.24.201 of the Regulations, at a maximum level of use consistent with good manufacturing.</p>

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
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:
9.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Canada Gazette, Part I, 26 October 2002 (Available in English and French).
10.	Proposed date of adoption: Not stated
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