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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: <u>CANADA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: Canada's Notification Authority and Enquiry Point Technical Barriers and Regulations Division Global Affairs Canada 111 Sussex Drive Ottawa, ON K1A 0G2 Canada Telephone: (343)203-4273 Fax: (613)943-0346 E-mail: enquiry@international.gc.ca
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): White potatoes, diced or cubed in air tight containers (HS 200520208203); white potatoes, diced or cubed in air tight containers, organic (HS 200520208213)
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Proposed Amendment to the Canadian Grade Compendium: Volume 3 – Processed Fruit or Vegetable Products. Part 1 Grades for Processed Fruit or Vegetable Products Packaged in Hermetically Sealed Packages White Potatoes (Diced or Cubed) (1 page, available in English and French)
6. Description of content: Certain processed fruit or vegetable (PFV) products must be graded in order to be marketed in import or interprovincial trade in Canada. PFV grades and requirements are maintained and enforced by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) in an incorporated by reference (IbR) document titled "Canadian Grade Compendium: Volume 3 – Processed Fruit or Vegetable Products", incorporated into the Safe Food for Canadians Regulations (SFCR). CFIA is proposing to change the requirements governing the size of certain grades of diced or cubed white potatoes packaged in hermetically sealed packages. The Proposed Amendment to the Canadian Grade Compendium: Volume 3 – Processed Fruit or Vegetable Products include increasing the maximum dice size to the following grades: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canada Fancy• Canada Choice• Canada Standard

7.	<p>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Existing grades and requirements are outlined in the current "Canadian Grade Compendium: Volume 3 – Processed Fruit or Vegetable Products" incorporated by reference into the <i>Safe Food for Canadians Regulations</i>. The objective of the proposed changes is to reflect the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • changes in consumer demand and demographics; • response to market needs; • consistency for domestic manufacturers and importers; • reduction of administrative burden involved in investigating and resolving discrepancy issue • improved and innovative production practices and technologies <p>Other</p>
8.	<p>Relevant documents:</p> <p>Proposed changes to the Canadian Grade Compendium: Volume 3 – Proposed Fruit or Vegetable Products:</p> <p>https://inspection.canada.ca/about-cfia/transparency/consultations-and-engagement/processed-fruit-or-vegetable-products/eng/1642434550871/1642434551434 (English)</p> <p>https://inspection.canada.ca/a-propos-de-l-acia/transparence/consultations-et-participation/produits-de-fruits-ou-de-legumes-transformes/fra/1642434550871/1642434551434 (French)</p>
9.	<p>Proposed date of adoption: To be determined</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined</p> <p>The proposed changes will come into effect immediately upon final publication, with a proposed 6-month transition period, during which time regulated parties may comply with either the previous or new requirements.</p> <p>Following the proposed 6-month transition period, the previous requirements will cease to apply and all regulated parties must comply with the new requirements.</p>
10.	<p>Final date for comments: 21 February 2022</p>
11.	<p>Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</p> <p>The electronic version of the regulatory texts can be found at:</p> <p>https://inspection.canada.ca/about-cfia/transparency/consultations-and-engagement/processed-fruit-or-vegetable-products/maximum-size/grade-and-grade-names/eng/1642438312320/1642438312648 (English)</p> <p>https://inspection.canada.ca/a-propos-de-l-acia/transparence/consultations-et-participation/produits-de-fruits-ou-de-legumes-transformes/taille-maximale/categorie-et-nom-de-categorie/fra/1642438312320/1642438312648 (French)</p>