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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: Health Canada 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, Ontario, K1A 0G2 Canada Telephone: (343)203-4273 Fax: (613)943-0346 Email: enquirypoint@international.gc.ca
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Food products in general (ICS: 67.040)
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: <i>Regulations Amending Certain Regulations Concerning Food Additives and Compositional Standards, Microbiological Criteria and Methods of Analysis for Food</i> (107 pages, available in English and French); (107 page(s), in English), (107 page(s), in French)
6. Description of content: The proposed regulations would amend Part B of the <i>Food and Drug Regulations</i> (FDR), along with targeted amendments to Parts A and D of the FDR. In particular, the proposed amendments include introducing modernized frameworks for setting, and updating the regulations for food compositional standards, microbiological criteria and methods of analysis, as well as continuing the modernization of the food additives framework that was initiated in 2012. Consequential amendments would also be made to certain regulations under the <i>Cannabis Act</i> , <i>Excise Act, 2001</i> , <i>Pest Control Products Act</i> , and <i>Safe Food for Canadians Act</i> . These regulations were also notified under G/SPS/N/CAN/1537.

7.	<p>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The objectives of these proposed amendments are to contribute to making the Canadian food regulatory system more agile, transparent and responsive to new and emerging science, technology, market innovation and risks to health. This would be accomplished by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enabling administrative updates to food compositional standards in order to reflect current market practices, to address changes in consumer demand, to harmonize more closely with trading partners, to enable product innovation, and to facilitate the inter-provincial and international trade of foods; - Enabling administrative updates to microbiological criteria and associated methods of analysis to help ensure that regulatory rules intended to help protect the health and safety of Canadians can be updated to reflect the latest science; - Enabling industry and regulators to make use of more modern and effective methods of analysis to substantiate various chemical, physical and/or nutritional requirements for food, allowing regulated parties to keep pace with innovations; and - Helping to reduce burden on industry by removing duplications of food additive references throughout Part B of the FDR and between the tables to section B.16.100 of the FDR and the current <i>Lists of Permitted Food Additives</i> incorporated by reference into the 15 marketing authorizations for food additives, as well as consolidating rules pertaining to food additives and simplifying the food additives framework.
8.	<p>Relevant documents:</p> <p>Canada Gazette, Part I, 4 November 2023, pages 3365-3471 (available in English and French) https://canadagazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2023/2023-11-04/pdf/g1-15744.pdf</p>
9.	<p>Proposed date of adoption: To be determined</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: These proposed Regulations would come into force on the day of their publication in the Canada Gazette, Part II.</p>
10.	<p>Final date for comments: 2 February 2024</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 text can be downloaded at: https://canadagazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2023/2023-11-04/html/reg2-eng.html (English) https://canadagazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2023/2023-11-04/html/reg2-fra.html (French)</p>