NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Canada  **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):** Caramel in flavoured cheddar cheese (ICS Codes: 67.220.20; 67.100.30) |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[****X]** **All trading partners**  **[ ]****Specific regions or countries:** |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Notice of Modification to the *List of Permitted Colouring Agents* to Enable the Use of Caramel in Flavoured Cheddar Cheese - Reference Number: NOM/ADM-0158.**Language(s):** English and French. **Number of pages:** 3 and 4  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/CAN/21_0827_00_e.pdf>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/CAN/21_0827_00_f.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Health Canada's Food Directorate completed a premarket safety assessment of a food additive submission seeking approval for the use of caramel as a colouring agent in a flavouring preparation used in the manufacture of flavoured cheddar cheese. The caramel is added to the flavouring preparation to improve the visibility of swirls of the flavouring preparation in the finished cheese. The caramel is not intended to impart colour to the entire cheese.  Caramel is already permitted for use in Canada as a colouring agent in various standardized and unstandardized foods.  The results of the premarket assessment support the safety of caramel for its requested use. Consequently, Health Canada has enabled the use of caramel described in the information document below by modifying the *List of Permitted Colouring Agents*, effective 22 January 2021.  The purpose of this communication is to publically announce the Department's decision in this regard and to provide the appropriate contact information for inquiries or for those wishing to submit new scientific information relevant to the safety of this food additive. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [****X]****food safety, [ ]****animal health, [ ]****plant protection, [ ]****protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ]****protect territory from other damage from pests.** |
| **8.** | **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:**  **[ ]****Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:**  **[ ]****World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[ ]****International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**  **[****X]** **None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[ ]****Yes [ ]****No**  **If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:** |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** Health Canada's Food and Nutrition - 'Public Involvement and Partnerships' Website, posted 22 January 2021 (available in English and French):  <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships.html>  <https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats.html> |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 22 January 2021  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 22 January 2021  **[ ]****Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 7 April 2021  **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [ ]****National Notification Authority, [****X]****National Enquiry Point.** **Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:** |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [ ]****National Notification Authority, [****X]****National Enquiry Point.** **Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**  The "*Notice of Modification to the List of Permitted Colouring Agents to Enable the Use of Caramel in Flavoured Cheddar Cheese - Reference Number: NOM/ADM-0158*" is available through the following web link:  <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/modification-permitted-food-colouring-agents-caramel-flavoured-cheddar-cheese.html> (English)  <https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/modification-alimentaires-colorants-permettre-caramel-fromage-cheddar-aromatis.html> (French)  Canada's Notification Authority and Enquiry Point  Technical Barriers and Regulations Division  Global Affairs Canada  111 Sussex Drive  Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0G2  Canada  Tel: +(343) 203 4273  Fax: +(613) 943 0346  E-mail: enquirypoint@international.gc.ca |