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):** Hydrochloric Acid (ICS Code: 67.220.20) |
| **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 pH Adjusting Agents, Acid-Reacting Materials and Water Correcting Agents to Enable the Use of Hydrochloric Acid in Unstandardized Foods.**Language(s):** English and French. **Number of pages:** 3  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/CAN/21_2184_00_e.pdf>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/CAN/21_2184_00_f.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Health Canada's Food Directorate previously completed a premarket safety assessment of the use of hydrochloric acid as a pH adjusting agent in specific unstandardized foods.  Hydrochloric acid is already permitted for use as a pH adjusting agent in a number of unstandardized foods. The results of the Food Directorate's previous premarket assessment supports the safety of hydrochloric acid for use in all unstandardized foods at a maximum level of Good Manufacturing Practice. Consequently, Health Canada has extended the use of hydrochloric acid as described in the information document by modifying the List of Permitted pH Adjusting Agents, Acid-Reacting Materials and Water Correcting Agents, effective 12 March 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 any inquiries or feedback on this modification. |
| **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 12 March 2021:  <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> (available in English and French) |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 12 March 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)*:** 12 March 2021  **[ ]****Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 25 May 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 pH Adjusting Agents, Acid-Reacting Materials and Water Correcting Agents to Enable the Use of Hydrochloric Acid in Unstandardized Foods - Reference Number: NOM/ADM-0163*" is available through the following weblinks:  <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/notice-list-ph-adjusting-agents-acid-reacting-materials-water-correcting-agents.html> (English)  <https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/avis-liste-agents-rajusteurs-ph-substances-reaction-acide-agents-correcteurs-eau-autorises.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 |