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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>CANADA</u> 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): Acesulfame potassium in chewing gum and sucralose in chewing gum and breath freshener products regulated as food (ICS Code: 67.220)
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Notice of Modification to the <i>List of Permitted Sweeteners</i> to Increase the Permitted Maximum Levels of Use for Acesulfame Potassium in Chewing Gum and for Sucralose in Chewing Gum and Breath Freshener Products Regulated as Food - Reference Number NOM/ADM-0006 Language(s): English and French Number of pages: 2 and 3
6. Description of content: This document provides information on Health Canada's modification to the <i>List of Permitted Sweeteners</i> to increase the permitted maximum levels of use for acesulfame potassium in chewing gum and for sucralose in chewing gum and breath freshener products regulated as food. Health Canada's Food Directorate has completed a detailed safety assessment of a food additive submission seeking to enable an increase to the permitted maximum levels of use for acesulfame potassium in chewing gum and for sucralose in chewing gum and breath freshener products regulated as food. Health Canada previously approved the use of these food additives in other food applications described in the <i>List of Permitted Sweeteners</i> . Since no safety concerns have been raised through this assessment, the department has therefore enabled an increase to the permitted maximum levels of use for acesulfame potassium in chewing gum and for sucralose in chewing gum and breath freshener products regulated as food. Health Canada's Food Directorate is committed to reviewing any new scientific information on the safety in use of any food additive, including acesulfame potassium and sucralose.
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.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text) The Codex General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA) has provisions for the use of acesulfame potassium and sucralose in chewing gum at a maximum use level of 5,000 mg/kg (specifically, 0.5%). Also, the GSFA provides for the use of sucralose for use in microsweets and breath freshening mints at 30,000 mg/kg (specifically, 3%).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: The Codex GSFA provides for the use of sucralose for use in microsweets and breath freshening mints at 30,000 mg/kg (specifically, 3%), while Health Canada has enabled its use at a maximum level of 25,000 mg/kg (2.5%).</p>
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Health Canada's Food and Nutrition - "Public Involvement and Partnerships" Website, posted 6 March 2013 (available in English and French): http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/index-eng.php (English) http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/index-fra.php (French)</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): The proposed food additive use will be legally enabled once it is published in Health Canada's <i>List of Permitted Sweeteners</i> (http://hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/securit/addit/list/9-sweetener-edulcorant-eng.php).</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): The food additive uses noted in this document come into force the day on which the modifications are made to the <i>List of Permitted Sweeteners</i> (http://hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/securit/addit/list/9-sweetener-edulcorant-eng.php).</p> <p>The uses noted in this document are an extension of use of a food additive that is currently permitted for use in Canada.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 20 May 2013</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
13.	<p>Texts available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>The electronic version of: "Notice of Modification to the <i>List of Permitted Sweeteners</i> to Increase the Permitted Maximum Levels of Use for Acesulfame Potassium in Chewing Gum and for Sucralose in Chewing Gum and Breath Freshener Products Regulated as Food - Reference Number NOM/ADM-0006" can be downloaded at: http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/nom-adm-0006/document-consultation-eng.php (English) http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fn-an/consult/nom-adm-0006/document-consultation-fra.php (French)</p>