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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

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| <b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>CANADA</u><br><b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>  |
| <b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Health Canada  |
| <b>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):</b> Polygalacturonase from <i>Trichoderma reesei</i> AR-414 (ICS code: 67.220.20)  |
| <b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners<br><input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:  |
| <b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Modification to the List of Permitted Food Enzymes to authorize the use of polygalacturonase from a new source. <b>Language(s):</b> English and French. <b>Number of pages:</b>  |
| <b>6. Description of content:</b> Health Canada's Food Directorate completed a premarket safety assessment of a food additive submission seeking authorization for the use of polygalacturonase from <i>Trichoderma reesei</i> strain AR-414 in single-strength fruit juices, wine and fruit wine at a maximum level of use of "Good Manufacturing Practice".<br><br>The results of the premarket assessment support the safety of polygalacturonase from <i>T. reesei</i> AR-414 for its requested uses. Consequently, Health Canada has authorized the use of polygalacturonase from <i>T. reesei</i> AR-414 as described in the notified information document by modifying the <a href="#">List of Permitted Food Enzymes</a> , effective 22 December 2025.<br><br>The purpose of the information document is to publicly announce the Department's decision in this regard and to provide the appropriate contact information for those wishing to submit an inquiry or new scientific information relevant to the safety of this food additive. |
| <b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <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.   |
| <b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):<br><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):<br><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None  |

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| <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>  |  |
| <p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b><br/>Health Canada Website: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/legislation-guidelines/acts-regulations/notices-proposal-notices-modification.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/legislation-guidelines/acts-regulations/notices-proposal-notices-modification.html</a>, posted on 22 December 2025 (available in English and French)</p>  |  |
| <p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> The modification to the food additive's permitted use is legally enabled once published in Health Canada's Lists of Permitted Food Additives (<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/food-additives/lists-permitted.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/food-additives/lists-permitted.html</a>).</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> Not applicable</p>   |  |
| <p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> The food additive modification noted in this document comes into force the day it is made to the Lists of Permitted Food Additives (<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/food-additives/lists-permitted.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/food-safety/food-additives/lists-permitted.html</a>).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>  |  |
| <p><b>12. Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 7 March 2026 (75 days from the date of publication of the notice of modification)</p> <p><b>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:</b></p>  |  |
| <p><b>13. Text(s) available from: [ ] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>The notice "Modification to the List of Permitted Food Enzymes to authorize the use of polygalacturonase from a new source" is available through the following web links:<br/><a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/legislation-guidelines/acts-regulations/notices-proposal-notices-modification/list-permitted-food-enzymes-authorize-polygalacturonase-new-source.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/legislation-guidelines/acts-regulations/notices-proposal-notices-modification/list-permitted-food-enzymes-authorize-polygalacturonase-new-source.html</a> (English)<br/><a href="https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/legislation-lignes-directrices/lois-reglements/avis-proposition-avis-modification/liste-enzymes-alimentaires-afin-autoriser-utilisation-polygalacturonase-issue-nouvelle-source.html">https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/legislation-lignes-directrices/lois-reglements/avis-proposition-avis-modification/liste-enzymes-alimentaires-afin-autoriser-utilisation-polygalacturonase-issue-nouvelle-source.html</a> (French)</p> <p>Or requested from:<br/>Canada's Notification Authority and Enquiry Point<br/>Technical Barriers and Regulations Division<br/>Global Affairs Canada<br/>111 Sussex Drive<br/>Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0G2<br/>Canada<br/>E-mail: <a href="mailto:enquirypoint@international.gc.ca">enquirypoint@international.gc.ca</a></p> |  |