

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

<b>1. Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>CANADA</u> <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> Potassium aluminum sulphate (ICS: 67.220.20)
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> not stated
<b>5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Interim Marketing Authorization regarding the use of potassium aluminum sulphate as a firming agent in roe of sea urchins (available in English and French; page 2104).
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Provision currently exists in the <i>Food and Drug Regulations</i> for the use of potassium aluminum sulphate as a firming agent, carrier, pH-adjusting agent, acid reacting material or water correcting agent in a wide variety of food products. Health Canada has received a submission to permit the use of potassium aluminum sulphate as a firming agent in roe of sea urchins at a maximum level of use of 350 parts per million (p.p.m.) calculated as aluminum. Evaluation of available data supports the safety and effectiveness of this new use of potassium aluminum sulphate.  Therefore, it is the intention of Health Canada to recommend that the <i>Food and Drug Regulations</i> be amended to permit the optional use of potassium aluminum sulphate as a firming agent in roe of sea urchins at levels up to 350 parts per million (p.p.m.) calculated as aluminum.  As a means to improve the responsiveness of the regulatory system, an Interim Marketing Authorization (IMA) is being issued to permit the immediate use of potassium aluminum sulphate, as indicated above, while the regulatory process is undertaken to formally amend the Regulations. A revision to this notification will be published at the start of the amendment process and Members will be given the opportunity at that time to submit comments on this proposed measure.
<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

<p><b>8. International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b></p>
<p><b>9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Canada Gazette, Part I, 31 July 2004 (available in English and French).</p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption:</b> Immediate for this IMA. For the final regulation, will be stated in subsequent Revision or Addendum to this notification.</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> Immediate for this IMA. For the final regulation, will be stated in subsequent Revision or Addendum to this notification.</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> This document is not for comment at this time. A comment period will be provided in a Revision of this notification. <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
<p><b>13. Texts available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: The electronic version of the regulatory text can be downloaded at: <a href="http://canadagazette.gc.ca/partI/2004/20040731/pdf/g1-13831.pdf">http://canadagazette.gc.ca/partI/2004/20040731/pdf/g1-13831.pdf</a></p>