NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Canada  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Health Canada  **Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:**  Canada's Notification Authority and Enquiry Point Technical Barriers and Regulations Division  Global Affairs Canada 111 Sussex Drive Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0G2 Canada Telephone: (343) 203-4273 Fax: (613) 943-0346 Email: [enquirypoint@international.gc.ca](mailto:enquirypoint@international.gc.ca) |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****],** **5.7.1 [****],** **other****:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** All prepackaged products sold in Canada; Food products in general (ICS 67.040) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Notice of Proposal to Update the Incorporated by Reference Document entitled Nutrition Labelling – Table of Reference Amounts for Food (available in English and French) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** Health Canada's Food Directorate is proposing amendments to the *Table of Reference Amounts for Food* (TRA) based on new consumption data and market trends, and to address identified gaps in certain food categories. The TRA sets out the amount of food typically consumed in one eating occasion for different food categories. They are used to determine what is considered to be a single-serving pre-packaged product and they serve as the basis for determining the serving size to be declared in the Nutrition Facts table of multiple-serving pre-packaged products. The TRA is considered when making nutrient content claims and health claims and provide detailed instructions on how to determine and declare the serving size for each food.  The proposed amendments add: new reference amount categories; product examples to existing food categories; instructions for the declaration of serving size for additional food formats; and instructions for the declaration of serving size for foods that require further preparation.  The proposed changes provide clearer guidance on several food categories, and address gaps identified after the 2016 nutrition labelling amendments to the *Food and Drug Regulations* were finalised, regarding implementation of the reference amounts and the declaration of the serving of stated size. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** The proposed amendments to the *Table of Reference Amounts for Food*(TRA) aim to update the TRA based on new consumption data and market trends and to address identified gaps in certain food categories, which will improve the ability of Canadians to make healthy food choices. ; Consumer information, labelling |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**  Health Canada's website:  [Notice of Health Canada's Proposal to Update the Nutrition Labelling – Table of Reference Amounts for Food - Reference Number: NOP/ADP-QRA-2021-1](https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/notice-proposal-update-nutrition-labelling-table-reference-amounts-food.html) (English)  [Avis de proposition de Santé Canada visant à mettre à jour le document incorporé par renvoi intitulé Étiquetage nutritionnel – Tableau des quantités de référence pour les aliments - Numéro de référence : NOP/ADP-QRA-2021-1](https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/avis-proposition-mise-jour-etiquetage-nutritionnel-tableau-quantites-reference-aliments.html)(French) |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:** The proposed changes to the Table of Reference Amounts for Food will be made the day on which the notice of modification will be published on Health Canada's website. Given the nature of the proposed changes, Health Canada is proposing to give industry until 14 December 2023 to implement these changes. Therefore, Food labelling will have to comply with the new requirements by 15 December 2023. |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 7 September 2021 |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****X]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  Health Canada's Proposal to Update the Nutrition Labelling – Table of Reference Amounts for Food - Reference Number: NOP/ADP-QRA-2021-1 is available at:  <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/public-involvement-partnerships/notice-proposal-update-nutrition-labelling-table-reference-amounts-food.html>  <https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/aliments-nutrition/participation-public-partenariats/avis-proposition-mise-jour-etiquetage-nutritionnel-tableau-quantites-reference-aliments.html> |