NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 8 July 2022, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Canada.

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**Title:** Regulations Amending the Natural Health Products Regulations (Improved Natural Health Products Labelling)

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| **Reason for Addendum:** |
| [ ] | Comment period changed - date:  |
| [X] | Notified measure adopted - date: 21 June 2022 |
| [X] | Notified measure published - date: 6 July 2022 |
| [X] | Notified measure enters into force - date: (1) These Regulations, except sections 17 to 22, came into force 21 June 2022.(2) Sections 17 to 22 come into force on 21 June 2025. |
| [X] | Text of final measure available from[[1]](#footnote-1): [https://canadagazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2022/2022-07-06/html/sor-dors146-eng.html](https://canadagazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2022/2022-07-06/html/sor-dors146-eng.html%20) (anglais)[https://canadagazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2022/2022-07-06/html/sor-dors146-fra.html](https://canadagazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2022/2022-07-06/html/sor-dors146-fra.html%20) (français)<https://canadagazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p2/2022/2022-07-06/pdf/g2-15614.pdf#page=477> |
| [ ] | Notified measure withdrawn or revoked - date: Relevant symbol if measure re-notified:  |
| [ ] | Content or scope of notified measure changed and text available from1: New deadline for comments (if applicable):  |
| [X] | Interpretive guidance issued and text available from1: <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/natural-non-prescription/legislation-guidelines/guidance-documents/labelling.html> (anglais)<https://www.canada.ca/fr/sante-canada/services/medicaments-produits-sante/naturels-sans-ordonnance/legislation-lignes-directrices/documents-reference/etiquetage.html> (français) |
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**Description:** Health Canada is amending the *Natural Health Products Regulations* (NHPR) to introduce the following four labelling requirements:

1) A Product Facts Table: Important information already required by the NHPR on the label of a natural health product (NHP) in a non-standardized format will be required to be presented in a standardized Product Facts table. Certain lower-risk NHPs will be exempt from the Product Facts table requirement, and flexibilities will be provided for products with packages too small to accommodate a full facts table.

2) Labelling of priority food allergens, gluten, added sulphites and aspartame: Products containing a priority food allergen, gluten, added sulphites or aspartame will require a statement indicating their presence and their source in a consistent manner within the Product Facts table, or elsewhere on the label if the product is exempt from the facts table.

3) Clearly and prominently displayed label text: Text on the label, including within the Product Facts table, will be subject to improved legibility requirements, including a minimum type size, standardized font types, and colour contrast requirements. This will ensure consumers are able to locate, read and compare important safety information.

4) Modernized contact information: A manufacturer or importer will be required to display an e-mail address, telephone number, or website address within an NHP's Product Facts table, or elsewhere on the label if the NHP is exempt from the facts table requirement, instead of a postal address, as is currently required.

In order to meet Canada's obligation under the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement and align with requirements for similar self-care products, these amendments will also remove security packaging requirements for certain categories of NHPs, such as topical products and sunscreens.

In addition, Health Canada will take this opportunity to bring forward certain amendments to the NHPR for clarification only. These will neither set out new requirements nor remove existing requirements and are expected to be cost neutral to both government and regulated parties.

The proposed regulations were notified to the WTO as G/TBT/N/CAN/648 on 30 June 2021.

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1. This information can be provided by including a website address, a pdf attachment, or other information on where the text of the final/modified measure and/or interpretive guidance can be obtained. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)