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Notice of Modification – *Lists of Permitted Food Additives*

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Summary

Food additives are regulated in Canada under [Marketing Authorizations](#) (MAs) issued by the Minister of Health and the *Food and Drug Regulations* (FDR). Approved food additives and their permitted conditions of use are set out in the [Lists of Permitted Food Additives](#) that are incorporated by reference in the MAs. A petitioner can request that Health Canada approve a new additive or a new condition of use for an already approved food additive by filing a food additive submission with the Department's Food Directorate. Health Canada uses this premarket approval process to determine whether the scientific data support the safety of food additives when used under specified conditions in foods sold in Canada.

Health Canada received a food additive submission seeking approval for the use of sucralose as a sweetener in snack bars composed primarily of protein isolate and uncooked cornstarch, and a separate submission seeking approval for its use in nutritional supplement bars. The submissions requested different levels of use according to the amount required to achieve the desired sweetening effect in the two types of bar-format foods.

Sucralose is already permitted for use in Canada as a sweetener in a variety of foods. Health Canada determined that the available scientific data support enabling the use of this sweetener in both types of bar-format foods that were requested. Therefore, Health Canada has modified the [List of Permitted Sweeteners](#) to extend the use of sucralose to these foods by adding the entries shown below to the List.

Modification to the *List of Permitted Sweeteners*

Item No.	Column 1 Additive	Column 2 Permitted in or upon	Column 3 Maximum Level of Use and Other Conditions
S.2	Sucralose	(16) Protein isolate- and uncooked cornstarch-based snack bars	(16) 0.2%
		(17) Nutritional supplement bars	(17) 0.045%

Rationale

Health Canada's Food Directorate completed a pre-market safety assessment of the use of sucralose in bar-format foods. The assessment considered toxicological, nutritional and technical aspects of these uses of sucralose, and found that the requested uses are acceptable from a food safety perspective. Therefore, the Department has enabled the requested uses of sucralose by modifying the *List of Permitted Sweeteners* as described in the above table.

Other Relevant Information

The *Food and Drug Regulations* require that food additives such as sucralose, which do not have specifications set out in the Regulations, meet the food-grade specifications set out in the most recent edition of the *Food Chemicals Codex* (FCC). The FCC is a compendium of standards for purity and identity for food ingredients, including food additives, which is published by the United States Pharmacopeial Convention.

Implementation and Enforcement

The above modification came into force September 03, 2015, the day it was published in the [*List of Permitted Sweeteners*](#).

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency is responsible for the enforcement of the *Food and Drugs Act* and its associated regulations with respect to foods.

Contact Information

Health Canada's Food Directorate is committed to reviewing new scientific information on the safety in use of any permitted food additive, including sucralose. Anyone wishing to submit new scientific information on the use of these food additives or to submit any inquiries may do so in writing, by regular mail or electronically. If you wish to contact the Food Directorate electronically, please use the word "**sucralose**" in the subject line of your e-mail.

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