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Notice of Modification to the List of Permitted Emulsifying, Gelling, Stabilizing or Thickening Agents to Enable the Use of Polysorbate 80 as an Emulsifying Agent in Wheat-Based Ready-to-Eat Cereals [2020-06-15]

Background

Health Canada's Food Directorate completed a premarket safety assessment of a food additive submission seeking approval for the use of polysorbate 80 as an emulsifying agent in wheat-based ready-to-eat cereals.

Polysorbate 80 is already permitted for use in Canada as an emulsifier in a number of foods, including rice-based ready-to-eat cereals.

The results of the premarket assessment support the safety of polysorbate 80 for its requested use. Consequently, Health Canada has enabled the use of polysorbate 80 described in the information document below by modifying the *List of Permitted Emulsifying, Gelling, Stabilizing or Thickening Agents*, effective **June 15, 2020**.

The purpose of this communication is to publically announce the Department's decision in this regard and to provide the appropriate contact information for any inquiries or for those wishing to submit any new scientific information relevant to the safety of this food additive.

Information Document

To obtain an electronic copy of the Notice of Modification to the *List of Permitted Emulsifying, Gelling, Stabilizing or Thickening Agents* to Enable the Use of Polysorbate 80 as an Emulsifying Agent in Wheat-Based Ready-to-Eat Cereals - Reference Number: NOM/ADM-0148, please [contact our publications office](#) or send an e-mail to hc.publications-publications.sc@canada.ca with the words "**hpfb BCS nom-adm-0148-eng**" in the subject line of your e-mail.

Contact Information

Health Canada's Food Directorate is committed to reviewing any new scientific information on the safety in use of any permitted food additive, including polysorbate 80. Anyone wishing to submit new scientific information on the use of this additive or to submit any inquiries on this modification may do so in writing, by regular mail or electronically. If you wish to contact the Food Directorate electronically, please use the words "**Polysorbate 80 (NOM-0148)**" in the subject line of your e-mail.

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Supporting Information

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Item No.	Column 1 Additive	Column 2 Permitted in or Upon	Column 3 Maximum Level of Use and Other Conditions
P.2	Polyoxyethylene (20) Sorbitan Monooleate (Polysorbate 80)	(24) Wheat-based ready-to-eat cereals	(24) 0.05%