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Report Name: Canada to Revise Uses of Aluminum-Containing Food Additives

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Report Highlights:

Following a review of aluminum in foods, Health Canada announced, on March 9, 2023, its intention to revise certain permitted uses of aluminum-containing food additives. Restrictions in use would impact a wide range of food additives, such as anticaking agents, coloring agents, and gelling, thickening, and firming agents. Interested stakeholders may submit new scientific evidence to Health Canada by May 22, 2023.

On March 9, 2023, Health Canada [announced](#) the intention to revise permitted uses of aluminum-containing food additives, following the completion of a dietary exposure assessment for aluminum in foods in Canada. The [proposed changes and restrictions in use](#) impact a wide range of food additives, including:

- the List of Permitted Anticaking Agents
- the List of Permitted Coloring Agents
- the List of Permitted Emulsifying, Gelling, Stabilizing or Thickening Agents
- the List of Permitted Firming Agents
- the List of Permitted Food Additives with Other Accepted Uses
- the List of Permitted pH Adjusting Agents, Acid-Reacting Materials and Water Correcting Agents
- the List of Permitted Starch-Modifying Agents

Health Canada indicated its commitment to reviewing new scientific information on the safety in use of any approved food additive, or product under consideration for approval, including already-permitted aluminum-containing food additives. Interested stakeholders may submit, **by May 22, 2023**, new scientific information on the use of these food additives, or may inquire on this topic by quoting "aluminum-containing food additives (NOP-0040)" when reaching Health Canada at the following coordinates:

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