

**GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1.	Party to Agreement notifying: <u>CANADA</u>
2.	Agency responsible: Department of National Health and Welfare
3.	Notified under Article 2.5.2 [X], 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): Gellan gum
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Proposed Amendment to the Food and Drug Regulations
6.	Description of content: This amendment will provide for the use of gellan gum as a gelling, stabilizing and thickening agent in calorie reduced margarine, French dressing, salad dressing and a variety of unstandardized foods. This new gum will provide an alternative gelling agent and increase the number of optional gums that may be used singly or in combination in foods. Gellan gum will enable new proprietary gum mixtures to be made with unique physical properties.
7.	Objective and rationale: Protection of health
8.	Relevant documents: Canada Gazette, Part I, 26 June 1993, pages 2133-2135
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Not stated
10.	Final date for comments: 9 September 1993
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: