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Dear Ms. Sharratt,

Thank you for your correspondence of January 11, 2018, regarding the International Rice Research Institute's (IRRI) Golden Rice. A copy of your correspondence was forwarded to Health Canada's Food Directorate for direct reply.

IRRI has publically acknowledged that they have submitted a novel food notification for Golden Rice to Health Canada. This notification is currently under review by scientists at the Food Directorate.

Health Canada's science-based regulatory system for novel foods is internationally recognized and developers often choose to seek authorisation in Canada as a first step in their regulatory plan even if they do not plan to sell the product in Canada. The Food Directorate conducts a rigorous, scientific food safety assessment of all submitted novel food notifications.

I hope that my comments are helpful in addressing your concerns.

Thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely,

Karen McIntyre
Director General, Food Directorate