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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 6 February 2026, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of the United States of America.

Listing of Color Additives Exempt From Certification; Spirulina Extract; Final Amendment; Order

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or we) is amending the color additive regulations to provide for the expanded use of spirulina (*Arthrospira platensis*) extract as a color additive in human foods generally (except for infant formula, certain foods subject to regulation by the US Department of Agriculture, and foods for which standards of identity have been issued under section 401 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, unless the use of the added color is authorized by such standards) at levels consistent with good manufacturing practice (GMP), to lower the heavy metal specifications for lead, arsenic, and mercury, and to add a specification for cadmium. We are taking this action in response to a color additive petition (CAP) submitted by GNT USA, LLC (GNT or petitioner).

DATES: This order is effective 23 March 2026. See section IX of this document for further information on the filing of objections. Either electronic or written objections and requests for a hearing on the order must be submitted by 9 March 2026.

https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2026-02314
https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/USA/26_00780_00_e.pdf

This addendum concerns a:

[ ] Modification of final date for comments
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Submit electronic objections in the following way:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: https://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Objections submitted electronically, including attachments, to https://www.regulations.gov will be posted to the docket unchanged. Because your objection will be made public, you are solely responsible for ensuring that your objection does not include any confidential information that you or a third party may not wish to be posted, such as medical information, your or anyone else's Social Security number, or confidential business information, such as a manufacturing process. Please note that if you include your name, contact information, or other information that identifies you in the body of your objection, that information will be posted on https://www.regulations.gov.

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- Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier (for written/paper submissions): Dockets Management Staff (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.
- For written/paper objections submitted to the Dockets Management Staff, FDA will post your objection, as well as any attachments, except for information submitted, marked and identified, as confidential, if submitted as detailed in "Instructions".

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