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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Citrus fruit, fresh or dried (HS code(s): 0805); Food technology (ICS code(s): 67)
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: ☒ All trading partners ☐ Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Proposal To Revoke the Color Additive Listing for Use of Citrus Red No. 2 on the Skins of Mature Oranges; Proposed amendment; Proposed Order. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 3 https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2026-14909 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/USA/26_03881_00_e.pdf
6.	Description of content: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or we) is proposing to issue an order that would repeal the color additive regulation that allows for the use of Citrus Red No. 2 for coloring the skins of mature oranges. Based on certification data, it appears that Citrus Red No. 2 is no longer used for coloring the skins of oranges and has not been certified for use as a color additive in food marketed in the United States since 2020. Because the authorized use of Citrus Red No. 2 appears to have been abandoned, we have tentatively concluded that this color additive regulation is outdated and unnecessary.
7.	Objective and rationale: ☒ food safety, ☐ animal health, ☐ plant protection, ☐ protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, ☐ protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: ☐ Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): ☐ World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): ☐ International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ☒ None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. [] Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Submit electronic or written comments on the proposed order by 24 August 2026. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: You may submit comments as follows. Please note that late, untimely filed comments will not be considered. The https://www.regulations.gov electronic filing system will accept comments until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time at the end of 24 August 2026. Comments received by mail/hand delivery/courier (for written/ paper submissions) will be considered timely if they are received on or before that date. Electronic Submissions Submit electronic comments in the following way: - Federal eRulemaking Portal: https://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Comments submitted electronically, including attachments, to https://www.regulations.gov will be posted to the docket unchanged. Because your comment will be made public, you are solely responsible for ensuring that your comment 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 comment, that information will be posted on https://www.regulations.gov. - If you want to submit a comment with confidential information that you do not wish to be made available to the public, submit the comment as a written/paper submission and in the manner detailed (see "Written/Paper Submissions" and "Instructions"). Written/Paper Submissions Submit written/paper submissions as follows: - 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 comments submitted to the Dockets Management Staff, FDA will post your comment, as well as any attachments, except for information submitted, marked and identified, as confidential, if submitted as detailed in "Instructions". Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket No. FDA- 2026-N-6304 for "Proposal to Revoke the Color Additive Listing for Use of Citrus Red No. 2 on the Skins of Mature Oranges". Received comments, those filed in a timely manner (see ADDRESSES), will be placed in the docket and, except for those submitted as "Confidential Submissions", publicly viewable at https://www.regulations.gov or at the Dockets Management Staff between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, +(240) 402 7500.
13.	Text(s) available from: [] National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Text can be found in the Federal Register, Vol. 91, No. 140, Page 46330 or on the Internet at: https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2026-14909.