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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u> 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): Buttermilk, curdled milk and cream, yogurt, kephir and other fermented or acidified milk and cream, whether or not concentrated or flavoured or containing added sugar or other sweetening matter, fruit, nuts or cocoa, and yogurt may additionally contain chocolate, spices, coffee, plants or cereals (HS code(s): 0403); Sugar confectionery not containing cocoa, incl. white chocolate (HS code(s): 1704); Prepared foods obtained by the swelling or roasting of cereals or cereal products, e.g. corn flakes; cereals (other than maize "corn") in grain form or in the form of flakes or other worked grains (except flour, groats and meal), pre-cooked or otherwise prepared, n.e.s. (HS code(s): 1904); Waters, incl. mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured, and other non-alcoholic beverages (excl. fruit, nut or vegetable juices and milk) (HS code(s): 2202); Food technology (ICS code(s): 67)
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: [X] All trading partners [] Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: GNT USA, LLC.; Filing of Color Additive Petition; Notification of Petition. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 1 https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2026-16939 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/USA/26_04424_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or we) is announcing that we have filed a petition, submitted by GNT USA, LLC., c/o Exponent, Inc., proposing that we amend our color additive regulations to provide for the safe use of safflower (<i>Carthamus tinctorius</i> L.) extract as a color additive in various foods at levels consistent with good manufacturing practices. The color additive petition was filed on 20 July 2026.
7. Objective and rationale: [X] 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): Not applicable Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable
11. Proposed date of entry into force: ☐ Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable ☒ Trade facilitating measure
12. Final date for comments: ☐ Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable 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: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to https://www.regulations.gov and insert the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document into the "Search" box and follow the prompts, and/or go to the Dockets Management Staff, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.
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. 159, Page 53545 or on the Internet at: https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2026-16939