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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>CHINA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: National Health and Family Planning Commission of the People's Republic of China (NHFPC)
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): Food additive Propylene glycol esters of fatty acids
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: National Food Safety Standard: Food additive Propylene glycol esters of fatty acids (Propylen Glycol Mono-and Distes of Fatty Acids) Language(s): Chinese Number of pages: 8 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/CHN/15_4660_00_x.pdf
6.	Description of content: This standard applies to food additive Propylene glycol esters of fatty acids, which is obtained from reaction of fatty acid or oil and 1, 2 - propanediol generated, through or not through molecular distillation. It stipulates the technical requirements and test methods for Propylene glycol esters of fatty acids.
7.	Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.

8.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text) The 49th meeting of the Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) (1997)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: In this standard, indexes for the hydroxyl value, iodine value and saponification value are added. Fatty acid identification test, propylene glycol identification test, acid (except fatty acid) test, dipropylene glycol and trimeric propylene glycol, and total propylene glycol test are deleted. The requirement for content is revised from "≥85%" to "in line with the claim". Detection method of free propylene glycol is revised from titration method to gas chromatography, which could detect total propylene glycol fatty acid ester content simultaneously. The main reasons are: the hydroxyl value, iodine value and saponification value are important characteristic indexes of the product; gas chromatography method is simple, stable and effective, and also in line with the actual situation of the domestic enterprises production.</p>
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: None</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 19 January 2016</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>