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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>CHINA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China
<b>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):</b> Food Additives Annatto Extract
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> National Food Safety Standard of the P.R.C.: Food Additives Annatto Extract. <b>Language(s):</b> Chinese. <b>Number of pages:</b> 8 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/CHN/18_6216_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/CHN/18_6216_00_x.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This standard applies to food additives Annatto Extract, it includes Bixins and Norbixins. The Bixins are obtained by the removal of the outer coating of the seeds of the annatto tree with one or more of solvents or cold, mildly-alkaline water and precipitate process. The Norbixins are obtained by further hydrolysed in hot alkaline solution and precipitate process. It also specifies the technical requirements and testing methods for food additives Annatto extract.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <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.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> The specification of "Bixins and Norbixins" prepared at the 67 <sup>th</sup> JECFA (2006) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b> <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b> 1. The sensory state also includes suspension or solution in addition to powder, according to the actual conditions of the product and relevant EU Regulation;

	2. Cancelling acetone and ethanol from residual solvents, because the two residual amounts in GB 2760 are not limited for these food processing aids.
9.	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>
10.	<b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined. <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.
11.	<b>Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined. <b>[ ] Trade facilitating measure</b>
12.	<b>Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 2 February 2019 <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [ ] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b>
13.	<b>Text(s) available from: [ ] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b>