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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 Carmine Cochineal and Carmine Cochineal Aluminum Lake
<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 Carmine Cochineal. <b>Language(s):</b> Chinese. <b>Number of pages:</b> 8 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/CHN/18_6215_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/CHN/18_6215_00_x.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This standard applies to food additives Carmine Cochineal, it includes Cochineal extract that is the concentrated solution obtained after removing the alcohol (ethanol and/or methanol) from an aqueous, aqueous alcoholic or alcoholic extract of cochineal, and/or Carmines that is obtained by a hydrated aluminium chelate of in aqueous extraction of cochineal. It also specifies the technical requirements and detection methods for food additives Carmine Cochineal.
<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 "Cochineal extract and Carmines" prepared at the 55 <sup>th</sup> JECFA (2000) <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>

<p>1. Powder and dark purple colour are included in the sensory state description of Cochineal Extract, according to the actual conditions of the product and relevant EU Regulation;</p> <p>2. Cancelling ethanol from residual solvents, because the residual amount in GB 2760 is not limited for these food processing aids.</p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p> <p><b>[ ] Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 2 February 2019</p> <p><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></p>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from: [ ] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p>