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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>CHINA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China
3.	<b>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 Additive Gluconic Acid- $\delta$ -lactone
4.	<b>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:
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> National Food Safety Standard of the P.R.C.: Food Additive Gluconic Acid- $\delta$ -lactone. <b>Language(s):</b> Chinese. <b>Number of pages:</b> 6 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/CHN/18_6229_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/CHN/18_6229_00_x.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This standard is applicable to food additive gluconic acid- $\delta$ -lactone, which is prepared with sodium gluconate as raw material, dissolved, cation-exchange sodium, concentration, crystallization, centrifugation and drying. The technical requirements and testing methods of- $\delta$ -lactone for food additive were mainly defined.
7.	<b>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.
8.	<b>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> Codex Alimentarius of the United Nations Food Additive Committee of the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO), the 51 <sup>st</sup> JECFA (1998), (Glucono- $\delta$ -Lactone). <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> This standard is different from the JECFA standard and the reasons are as follows:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The sensory requirements were modified from "White, odourless or nearly odourless crystals or crystalline powder" to "colorless or white crystalline or powder crystallization". This is based on the actual characteristics of the products in China, and has retained the provisions of GB 7657-2005;</li> <li>2. The sulphate ash was modified to sulfate and the sulphate limit index was specified. This is to strictly control the quality of products, retaining the GB 7657-2005 requirements.</li> <li>3. In the identification test, the melting point index and testing method were added. This is because the chromogenic reaction is not specific.</li> <li>4. The index of arsenic and the testing method were added. This is based on our country's requirements for monitoring harmful impurities in food additives.</li> <li>5. The index and testing method of chloride were added. This is to strictly control the quality of products, retaining the GB 7657-2005 requirements.</li> <li>6. The drying reduction index was modified. This is determined according to the actual testing situation of domestic products.</li> </ol>
<b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>
<b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined. <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.
<b>11. 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>
<b>12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 3 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>
<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>