



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 and Family Planning Commission of the People's Republic of China (NHFPC)						
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 Carrageenan						
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 Carrageenan <b>Language(s):</b> Chinese <b>Number of pages:</b> 8 <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/CHN/15_3365_00_x.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/CHN/15_3365_00_x.pdf</a>						
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This standard applies to food additive carrageenan obtained from <i>Rhodophyceae</i> by water or alkali extraction. It is a mixture of κ (Kappa), ι (Iota), λ (Lambda). It specifies the technical requirements and testing methods.						
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> The specification of carrageenan and processed eucheuma seaweed described at the 68 <sup>th</sup> JECFA (2007) <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"/> None <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> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>Item</u></td> <td><u>This standard</u></td> <td><u>JECFA (2007)</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Carrageenan</td> <td>Processed</td> <td>eucheuma seaweed</td> </tr> </table>	<u>Item</u>	<u>This standard</u>	<u>JECFA (2007)</u>	Carrageenan	Processed	eucheuma seaweed
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Viscosity	≥	0.005 Pa·s	5 cp
Total ash, %		15~40	15~40 15~30
Acid-insoluble matter, %		≤15	≤2 ≤15
Residual solvents, %	≤	0.1 (isopropanol, methanol)	0.1 (ethanol, isopropanol, methanol)
<b>9.</b>	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> None		
<b>10.</b>	<b>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.</b>	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure		
<b>12.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 2 November 2015 <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <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:		
<b>13.</b>	<b>Text(s) available from:</b> <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:		