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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

- 1. Notifying Member: <u>CHINA</u>
 - If applicable, name of local government involved:
- 2. Agency responsible: National Health and Family Planning Commision of the People's Republic of China
- 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 Iron oxide black
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
 - [X] All trading partners
 - [] Specific regions or countries:
- 5. Title of the notified document: National Food Safety Standard of the P.R.C.: Food additive Iron oxide black Language(s): Chinese Number of pages: 5

http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/CHN/15_3375_00_x.pdf

- 6. Description of content: This standard applies to food additive Iron oxide black produced by air oxidation and using ferrite as raw material. This standard specifies the technical requirements and testing methods for the food additive Iron oxide black.
- Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [] animal health, [] plant protection,
 [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests.
- 8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:
 - [X] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text) The specification of iron oxides is described at the 69th JECFA (2008)
 - [] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)
 - [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number)
 - [] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[]Yes [X]No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: It is not suitable to utilize the method provided in JECFA using solubility for identification. This standard employs the method described in USP and CP using sulfocyanic acid to identify ferric ion. Besides that, Content of iron oxide black in this standard is higher than in JECFA, in accord with 2012/231/EC (E172).

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- 9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: None
- 10. Proposed date of adoption (*dd/mm/yy*): To be determined.

Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.

- 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): To be determined.
 - [] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): 3 November 2015

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:

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