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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU,</u> <u>KINMEN AND MATSU</u>

If applicable, name of local government involved:

- 2. Agency responsible: Food and Drug Administration, Ministry of Health and Welfare
- 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): Gelatin and its derivatives for food purpose under HS Codes 3503.00.10.00-4, 3503.00.20.00-2, 3503.00.90.90-8 and 3504.00.11.00-2
- 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: TFDA required that the import of gelatin and its derivatives for food purpose be accompanied by official certificates issued by the competent authority of the exporting country. Language(s): Chinese and English. Number of pages: 1

http://www.fda.gov.tw/TC/news.aspx?cid=3

- **6. Description of content:** TFDA requires that the import of gelatin and its derivatives for food purpose be accompanied by official certificates. The requirements are as follows:
 - The import of gelatin and its derivatives for food purpose shall be accompanied by official certificates issued by the competent authority of the exporting country indicating that the attested products are suitable "for human consumption", or "in compliance with relevant food safety and sanitary regulations";
 - Following the above measure, the import of gelatin and its derivatives shall be accompanied by an official certificate. The certificate shall also attest information on the parts/tissues of raw materials used;
 - 3. The requirements apply to products of HS Codes are 3503.00.10.00-4, 3503.00.20.00-2, 3503.00.90.90-8 and 3504.00.11.00-2.
- 7. 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): Codex Alimentarius Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems
 - [X] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): Terrestrial Animal Health Code, Chapters 8 and 10

- [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):
- [] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? [X] Yes [] No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

- 9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
- **10.** Proposed date of adoption (*dd/mm/yy*): 1 August 2019

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*): 1 August 2019
 - [] Trade facilitating measure
- **12.** Final date for comments: **[X]** Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): 16 July 2019

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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13. Text(s) available from: [] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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