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**Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures** 

## **NOTIFICATION**

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| 1. | Notifying Member: CHINA   |
|    | If applicable, name of local government involved:   |
| 2. | <b>Agency responsible:</b> 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 red  |
| 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 red Language(s): Chinese Number of pages: 5   |
|    | http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/CHN/15 3376 00 x.pdf   |
| 6. | <b>Description of content:</b> This standard applies to food additive Iron oxide red using ferrite as raw material, which on two steps of oxidation process and precipitation yields iron oxide. This standard specifies the technical requirements and determination methods for the food additive iron oxide red.   |
| 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) The specification of iron oxides described at the 69 <sup>th</sup> JECFA (2008)   |
|    | [] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquation 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 use 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 red in this standard is higher than in JECFA, in accordance with 2012/231/EC (E172). |

- Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: None
   Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.
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   Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.
   [] Trade facilitating measure
   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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