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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>CHINA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: National Health and Family Planning Commission 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 Methyl cellulose
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: National Food Safety Standard of the P.R.C.: Food additive Methyl cellulose Language(s): Chinese Number of pages: 5 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/CHN/15_3381_00_x.pdf
6.	Description of content: This standard applies to food additive methyl cellulose prepared from wood pulp or cotton by treatment with alkali and ether, followed by cleaning and drying. This standard specifies the technical requirements and determination methods for the food additive methyl cellulose.
7.	Objective and rationale: <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.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text) The specification of methyl cellulose described at the 57 th JECFA (2001) <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number) <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number) <input type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: This standard mainly uses FCC as a reference. The parameter for drying loss, and the method for identification, content of methoxyl group, and drying loss determination are different from those provided by JECFA. The viscosity test is added in this standard and pH is deleted.

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: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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: <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:
13.	Text(s) available from: <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: