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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

- Notifying Member: CHINA 1. If applicable, name of local government involved: 2. Agency responsible: National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China (NHC) 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): Ready-to-eat food in bulk 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.: Pathogen Limits for Ready-to-eat Food in bulk. Language(s): Chinese . Number of pages: 6 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/CHN/20 3142 00 x.pdf 6. **Description of content:** This standard stipulates the pathogenic microorganism index, limit requirement, sampling rule and inspection method in ready-to-eat food in bulk. This standard is applicable to all kinds of ready-to-eat food in bulk. It is not applicable to catering services and primary agricultural products that have not been processed. 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: Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex [X] standard or related text): CAC/GL 61-2007 Guidelines on the application of general principles of food hygiene to the control of listeria monocytogenes in foods [] 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: Food category is different from CAC standard. The food categorizations in this standard are drafted according to the characteristics and classification habits of Chinese ready-to-eat foods.

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- 9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: None
- 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*): 10 July 2020

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