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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: CHINA If applicable, name of local government involved: 2. Agency responsible: National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China (NHC) з. 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): Pre-packaged food Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: 4. All trading partners [X] [] Specific regions or countries: 5. Title of the notified document: National Food Safety Standard of the P.R.C.: Pathogenic Microorganism Limits in Food. Language(s): Chinese. Number of pages: 8 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/CHN/20 3141 00 x.pdf 6. Description of content: This standard specifies the index, limit requirements and test methods of pathogenic microorganisms in pre-packaged food. This standard applies to pre-packaged food, does not apply to food undergoing commercial sterilization. 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, CAC/RCP 66-2008 Code of Hygienic Practice for Powdered Formulae for Infants and Young Children [] 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

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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: The setup of index is based on results of food risk surveillance for food-borne pathogens and food-borne diseases in China. The food categorizations are drafted according to the characteristics and classification of food, and consumption habits in China.

9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:

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*): 10 July 2020

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