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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Health and Welfare
3.	<b>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):</b> Gum arabic; Acacia gum
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Draft of Specifications Standard for Gum Arabic as Food Raw Material <b>Language(s):</b> Chinese and English <b>Number of pages:</b> 4 <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/TPKM/16_0341_00_x.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/TPKM/16_0341_00_x.pdf</a> <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/TPKM/16_0341_00_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/TPKM/16_0341_00_e.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The draft re-amends the specifications of Gum Arabic.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <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.	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission ( <i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i> ) JECFA database - GUM ARABIC <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) ( <i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention ( <i>e.g. ISPM number</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> None <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b>

9.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Draft of Specifications Standard for Gum Arabic as Food Raw Material (MOHW Food No. 1051300035, # # 2016) is available in English from the National Notification Authority, National Enquiry Point, and Ministry of Health and Welfare. The standards will be published in the Official Government Gazette when adopted. The full text may be downloaded from the following website: <a href="http://www.fda.gov.tw/eng/index.aspx">http://www.fda.gov.tw/eng/index.aspx</a> (available in English).</p>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined. <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 27 March 2016 <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Food and Drug Administration Ministry of Health and Welfare No.161-2, Kunyang St, Nangang District, Taipei City 115-61, Taiwan (R.O.C.) Tel: +(886 2) 27878000 ext 7317 Fax: +(886 2) 26531062 E-mail: katty@fda.gov.tw</p>
13.	<p><b>Text(s) available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Food and Drug Administration Ministry of Health and Welfare No.161-2, Kunyang St, Nangang District, Taipei City 115-61, Taiwan (R.O.C.) Tel: +(886 2) 27878000 ext 7317 Fax: +(886 2) 26531062 E-mail: katty@fda.gov.tw</p>