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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>CHINA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China (NHC)
<b>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):</b> Food additive Beta-carotene
<b>4. 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:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> National Food Safety Standard of the P.R.C.: Food Additive Beta-carotene. <b>Language(s):</b> Chinese. <b>Number of pages:</b> 7 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/CHN/21_2626_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/CHN/21_2626_00_x.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This standard applies to food additive beta-carotene using retinyl acetate or beta-ionone as starting material by chemical synthesis. It specifies the technical requirements and testing methods for the food additive beta-carotene.
<b>7. 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.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> The specification of "β-CAROTENE, SYNTHETIC" prepared at the 87 <sup>th</sup> JECFA (2019) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b> <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b> 1. Loss on drying and Arsenic indicator is added; 2. Other carotenoids indicator is removed; 3. Residue on ignition is ≤0.2%.

Reason: The standard is based on the revision of "National Food Safety Standard of the P.R.C.: Food additive Beta-carotene" (GB 8821-2011), and combined with the actual quality status of Chinese products.	
<b>9.</b>	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined. <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.
<b>11.</b>	<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
<b>12.</b>	<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): 12 June 2021 <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <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:  WTO/SPS National Notification and Enquiry Center of the People's Republic of China Tel: +(86 10) 5795 4645/5795 4642 E-mail: sps@customs.gov.cn
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