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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> CHINA <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA) of the People's Republic of China
<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> Agricultural genetically modified organisms
<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> Decision of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of the People's Republic of China on Amending the Implementation Regulations on Safety Assessment of Agricultural Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) (Draft). <b>Language(s):</b> Chinese. <b>Number of pages:</b> 3 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/CHN/21_7460_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/CHN/21_7460_00_x.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The decision modifies the requirements of the safety assessment application materials for agricultural GMOs. The decision refines the renewal application procedure of GMOs, and clarifies the application procedure of transformant combinations.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input 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>          Implementation Regulations on Safety Assessment of Agricultural Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs)  <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/CHN/21_7460_01_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/CHN/21_7460_01_x.pdf</a> (available in Chinese)</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 type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable  <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</p>
13.	<p><b>Text(s) available from:</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</p>