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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
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): Food additive Methyl cellulose
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: National Food Safety Standard of the P.R.C.: Food additive Methyl Cellulose. Language(s): Chinese. Number of pages: 7 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/CHN/22_6519_00_x.pdf
6. Description of content: This standard applies to natural cellulose such as wood pulp or cotton pulp as raw material, after alkali and etherification treatment, and then washed and dried to make food additives methyl cellulose. It mainly specifies the technical requirements and inspection methods of methyl cellulose.
7. Objective and rationale: <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. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): The specification of "Methyl Cellulose" prepared at the 57 th JECFA (2001) <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 type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: 1. The viscosity index and its test method is added; 2. Methoxy content is specified as 27.5%~31.5%; The test method is specified as gas chromatography; 3. Drying reduction is specified NMT 5%; The test method is specified as 105 °C drying 2h; 4. pH requirements are not specified.

Reason: The standard is based on the revision of "National food safety standard: Food additive Methyl cellulose" (GB 1886.256-2016), and combined with the actual quality status of Chinese products.	
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: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 28 November 2022 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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
13.	Text(s) available from: <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