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## **Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

## **NOTIFICATION**

1. Notifying Member: THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU

If applicable, name of local government involved:

- 2. Agency responsible: Food and Drug administration, Ministry of Health and Welfare
- 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): Fruits of the genus *Capsicum* or of the genus *Pimenta*, crushed or ground (HS code: 0904.22.00.00-1) and Other fruits of the genus *Capsicum* or of the genus *Pimenta*, dried, neither crushed nor ground (HS code: 0904.21.90.00-3)
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
  - [X] All trading partners
  - [ ] Specific regions or countries:
- **5. Title of the notified document:** Commodities used for food purposes and classified under specific CCC codes, CCC0904.22.00.00-1 Fruits of the genus *Capsicum* or of the genus *Pimenta*, crushed or ground and 0904.21.90.00-3 Other fruits of the genus *Capsicum* or of the genus *Pimenta*, dried, neither crushed nor ground, shall provide test report for Sudan Dyes. **Language(s):** Chinese. **Number of pages:** 3

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- 6. **Description of content:** Sudan dye has been detected in many batches of imported chili powders that came from China, Thailand, Turkey and Viet Nam, whether at border inspection or post marketing inspection since 2023-2024. It makes a urgent problem of health protection of Chinese Taipei. The Taiwan Food and Drug Administration (TFDA) is proposing an import inspection requirement on "Fruits of the genus *Capsicum* or of the genus *Pimenta*, crushed or ground" importation. Commodities used for food purposes and classified under specific CCC codes: CCC0904.22.00.00-1 Fruits of the genus *Capsicum* or of the genus *Pimenta*, crushed or ground and 0904.21.90.00-3 Other fruits of the genus *Capsicum* or of the genus *Pimenta*, dried, neither crushed nor ground, shall provide test report for Sudan Dyes. The test report shall include Sudan I-IV and make note of the test method, including limit of quantitation (LOQ), testing unit and the evidence used in interpreting the results shall be concurrently disclosed.
- 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 standard or related text):
  - [] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):

	<ul><li>[ ] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</li><li>[X] None</li><li>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</li></ul>
	[] Yes [] No
	If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:
9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Act Governing Food Safety and Sanitation, available in English ( <a href="http://consumer.fda.gov.tw/Law/Detail.aspx?nodeID=518&amp;lang=1&amp;lawid=292">http://consumer.fda.gov.tw/Law/Detail.aspx?nodeID=518⟨=1&amp;lawid=292</a> ) (available in English)
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 15 April 2024
	Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 3 April 2024
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 15 April 2024
	[ ] Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable
	Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:
	Animal and Plant Health Inspection Agency, Ministry of Agriculture 9F, No.100, Sec. 2, Heping W. Rd., Zhongzheng Dist., Taipei City, 100060, Taiwan Tel: +(886) 2 3343 2091

13. Text(s) available from: [] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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