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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 Sodium Alginate (HS code: 1302391200)
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 Sodium Alginate. Language(s): Chinese. Number of pages: 10 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/CHN/24_06960_00_x.pdf
6.	Description of content: This standard applies to food additive sodium alginate made from brown algae through extraction and processing. It specifies the technical requirements and testing methods for the food additive sodium alginate.
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): JECFA 401 Sodium alginate <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) Add pH and ash indicators; (2) Delete sodium alginate content and microbiological criteria; (3) The ML for total arsenic is lower than JECFA 401; (4) Add formaldehyde limit requirements. Reasons: The standard is based on the revision of "National food safety standard: Food additive Sodium Alginate" (GB 1886.243-2016), and combined with the actual quality

<p>status of Chinese products. Adding pH and ash indicators is more conducive to evaluating the quality stability of sodium alginate. At present, the detection method for sodium alginate content is not mature. The production process of sodium alginate determines that it is not susceptible to bacterial contamination and spoilage, which does not pose any microbial safety risks. Therefore, the indicators of sodium alginate content and microbiological criteria have been deleted. To improve the safety of sodium alginate products, the ML for total arsenic is lower. With reference to the EU's product quality requirements for sodium alginate, the formaldehyde limit is added.</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. [] Trade facilitating measure</p>
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