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Report Highlights:

On April 17, 2026, China published 37 draft national food safety standards soliciting public comments until June 6, 2026. At the time of this report, China has not notified the draft standards to the WTO. This report contains an unofficial translation of the list of standards. Stakeholders are advised to review the regulations to assess any market or regulatory impacts on their business.

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On April 17, 2026, China's National Health Commission (NHC) published an [announcement](#) (link in Chinese) releasing 37 draft national food safety standards and soliciting public comments until June 6, 2026. The draft standards include:

- one general standard for label requirements of prepackaged special dietary foods,
- three products standards for pasteurized milk, sterilized milk, and nuts and seeds,
- three standards for foods for special medical purposes,
- seven food additives standards,
- twelve standards for food nutritional fortification substances,
- one standard for food contacting material product,
- one production operational sanitation protocol for contaminants in foods,
- two migration testing methods for food contacting materials,
- seven testing methods for food culture strains and pathogenic bacteria in foods.

The standards are either newly developed or revised regulations. The draft standards can be downloaded and comments can be submitted online via [China's National Food Safety Standards Management System](#) (link is in Chinese and may be inaccessible outside of China) until June 6, 2026.

At the time of this report, China has not notified the released draft standards to the World Trade Organization (WTO). Post expects China will notify the draft standards to the WTO later this year. This report contains an unofficial translation of the list of draft standards open for comment. Stakeholders should conduct their own review of the regulations to assess any market or regulatory impacts on their business.

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Serial No.	Standard Name	Formulation or Revision
General Standards (1 item)		
1	Labeling of Prepackaged Foods for Special Dietary Foods	Revision
Food Product Standards (3 items)		
2	Pasteurized Milk	Revision
3	Sterilized Milk	Revision
4	Nuts and Seeds Products	Revision
Standards for Special Dietary Foods (3 items)		
5	Nutritionally Complete Formula Foods Diabetes	New
6	Nutritionally Complete Formula Food Obesity and Weight-loss Surgery	New
7	Nutritionally Complete Formula Food Sarcopenia	New
Food Additives Standards (7 items)		
8	Food Additive Paprika Extract (Orange)	Revision
9	Food Additive Paprika Extract (Red)	Revision
10	Food Additive Vitamin B ₂ (Riboflavin)	Revision
11	Food Additive Gellan Gum	Revision
12	Food Additive Nickel	Revision
13	Standard for Use of Food Additives (GB 2760-2024) Amendment Sheet No.1	Amendment Sheet
14	Food Flavorings (GB 30616-2020) Amendment Sheet No.1	Amendment Sheet
Standards for Nutritional Fortification Substances (12 items)		
15	Food Nutritional Fortification Substances Magnesium L-threonate	New
16	Food Nutritional Fortification Substances (6S)-5-Methyltetrahydrofolate Calcium	New
17	Food Nutritional Fortification Substances L-Tryptophan	New
18	Food Nutritional Fortification Substances Magnesium L-aspartate	New
19	Food Nutritional Fortification Substances Pyridoxal-5'-phosphate	New
20	Food Nutritional Fortification Substances L-Tyrosine	New
21	Food Nutritional Fortification Substances L-Lysine	New
22	Food Nutritional Fortification Substances Zinc Oxide	Revision
23	Food Nutritional Fortification Substances Carbonyl Iron Powder	Revision
24	Food Nutritional Fortification Substances Inositol (Cyclohexanehexol)	Revision
25	Food Nutritional Fortification Substances	Revision

	Ergocalciferol (Vitamin D ₂)	
26	Food Additive Retinyl Palmitate (Vitamin A Palmitate) (GB 29943-2013) Amendment Sheet No.1	Amendment Sheet
Standards for Food-Related Products (1 item)		
27	Regenerated Cellulose Materials and Articles for Food Contact Use	New
Hygienic and Sanitation Standards for Production and Operation (1 item)		
28	Practice for Control of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons Contamination in Foods	New
Standards for Physicochemical Test Methods (2 items)		
29	Food Contact Materials and Articles Determination of 1,4-Dichlorobenzene Migration	New
30	Food Contact Materials and Articles Determination of 2-Methyl-1,3-butadiene and its Migration	New
Standards for Microbiological Test Methods (7 items)		
31	Testing of Food Culture Strains Detection of <i>Pediococcus spp.</i>	New
32	Testing of Food Culture Strains Detection of <i>Lactococcus spp.</i>	New
33	Testing of Food Culture Strains Detection of <i>Bifidobacterium spp.</i>	Revision
34	Food Microbiological Examination Detection of Diarrhoeagenic <i>Escherichia coli</i>	Revision
35	Food Microbiological Examination Detection of <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	Revision
36	Food Microbiological Examination Detection of <i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i>	Revision
37	Food Microbiological Examination Molds and Yeasts Count Amendment Sheet No.1	Amendment Sheet

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Attachments:

No Attachments.