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Report Highlights:

On March 13, 2024, the National Health Commission (NHC) announced approval of 23 new food materials and additives, of which three are products derived from Genetically Modified Microorganisms (GMMs). This report provides a summary of the newly approved food materials and additives from the announcement.

THIS REPORT CONTAINS ASSESSMENTS OF COMMODITY AND TRADE ISSUES MADE BY USDA STAFF AND NOT NECESSARILY STATEMENTS OF OFFICIAL U.S. GOVERNMENT POLICY The National Health Commission (NHC) released its <u>2024 No. 2 Announcement on 23 "Three New</u> <u>Foods"¹ Including Dendrobium Protocorm</u> (link in Chinese) on March 13, 2024. This announcement approved 23 new food materials and additives for use in China, of which three are products derived from GMMs (see highlighted yellow sections in Table 1). Of note, 2'-fucosyllactose (2'-FL), a purified human milk oligosaccharide (HMO), for use as a food nutrition fortifier, particularly in infant formula was previously approved under NHC <u>2023 No. 8 Announcement</u> on October 7, 2023. The 2'-FL approved in the 2024 announcement is from a different host and donor than the previous approval.

The approved enzymes are considered common enzymes available for use in food processing and in foods with no specific labeling requirements. Please refer to <u>GAIN Report China Agricultural</u> <u>Biotechnology Annual 2023</u> for detailed information on the regulatory framework, application procedure, labeling, and traceability requirements of GMM derived enzymes.

Additional information on the announcements can be found at the following links:

"Interpretation of the "Announcement on 23 'Three New Foods' including Dendrobium Protocorm" – see link <u>here (link in Chinese)</u>.

		Product	Recommended Usage	Note
	1	Dendrobium protocorm	Dry product ≤ 3.5g/day	Not suitable for consumption by infants, young children, pregnant women and lactating women. Unsuitable groups and consumption limits should be
				marked on the label and instructions.
	2	Meso-zeaxanthin	$\leq 8 \text{ mg/day}$	The scope of use does not include food for infants and young children.
New food raw materials	3	Pichia kluyveri	N/A	Approved to be included in the "List of strains that can be used in food", the scope of use includes the fermentation processing of fermented wine, fruit and vegetable juices and beverages, tea beverages, protein beverages, and plant beverages, excluding infant food. The scope of use should be indicated on the label and

Table 1. China: NHC Approved Food Materials, Enzymes, and Additives from March 2024 Announcement

¹ "Three new foods" refers to new food raw materials, new varieties of food-related products and new varieties of food additives.

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	4	Bacillus subtilis DE111	N/A		Approved to be included in the "List of strains that can be used in food", the scope of use does not include infant food.		
	5	L-alpha- Glycerylphosphory lcholine	ycerylphosphory young children, pr		gnant g women. ons should		
	6	Leuconostoc pseudomesenteroid es	N/A		Approved to be included in the "List of strains that can be used in food", the scope of use includes fermented milk, flavored fermented milk, cheese, fermented milk beverages, lactic acid bacteria beverages (non-solid beverages), cream, cream (butter) and anhydrous cream (anhydrous butter), excluding food for infants and young children.		
	No.	Product	Function	Food 3	Name	Maximu m Usage (g/kg)	
	7	Mixed tocotrienol tocopherol concentrate	Antioxidants			0.2	
New		Enzymatically produced steviol glycosides	Sweetener	Modified milk,		0.18	
varieties of	8			flavored fermented milk,		0.2	
food				ice cre		0.5	
additives				gum-based candies Beverages [except packaged drinking water, fruit and vegetable juice (pulp), and concentrated		3.5 0.2	
			fruit (pulp		t and vegetable juice [p)]		
		Product	Host	Donor			
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					(Solanum tuberosum)			
	No.	Enzyme	Host		Donor			
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preparations		epimerase		scindens				
for food		1		ATCC3			<mark>5704</mark>	
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	11	纤维素酶	草酸青霉					
		Cellulase	Penicillium					
NT	NT		oxalicum					
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		fucosyllactose,	<mark>Escherichia coli</mark> BL21(DE3)		(Helicobacter pylori)			
		<mark>2'-FL</mark>						
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			fortifiers	foods only)				
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	15	Polyoxyethylene (20) Sorbitan Monooleate	Emulsifier	Collagen,			0.5	

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