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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 (NHC)
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 Lactic acid
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 Lactic acid. Language(s): Chinese. Number of pages: 9 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/CHN/25_05740_00_x.pdf
6.	Description of content: This standard applies to food additive lactic acid made from starch or sugar through fermentation with <i>Lactobacillus</i> or <i>Rhizopus oryzae</i> . It specifies the technical requirements and testing methods for the food additive lactic acid.
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 "LACTIC ACID" prepared at the 63 rd JECFA (2006) <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: Increase the proportion of L-lactic acid to the total lactic acid content by over 97%. Modified the indicator requirements for chloride, sulfate and cyanide. Increase the limit requirement of arsenic.

Reason: The standard is based on the revision of "National food safety standard: Food additive Lactic acid" (GB 1886.173-2016), 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): 3 November 2025 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