NOTIFICATION

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| **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 Hexametaphosphate |
| **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:** National Food Safety Standard of the P.R.C.: Food Additive Sodium Hexametaphosphate. **Language(s):** Chinese. **Number of pages:** 8  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/CHN/18_6200_00_x.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This standard is applicable to food additive phosphoric acid or food additive phosphoric acid (wet process), sodium carbonate or sodium hydroxide, and food additive sodium hexametaphosphate obtained by melt polycondensation method. It specifies the technical requirements and testing methods for food additive sodium hexametaphosphate. |
| **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:**  **[****X] Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:**55th JECFA (2000) "Sodium Polyphosphates, Glassy"  **[ ]** **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[ ]** **International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**  **[ ]** **None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[ ]** **Yes [****X] No**  **If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:**  The technical requirements of this standard are consistent with those of domestic producers and users, but it has some differences from JECFA as follows:  It has added some indexes requirements, which included unreactive phosphates (calculated by P2O5), iron(Fe), heavy metal (calculated by Pb);  Its total phosphates is not less than 67.0%, and the index for JECFA is 60.0 %～71.0 %;  Its pH (10 g/L) is 5.0～7.5, and the index for JECFA is 3～9;  Its fluorides (calculated by F) is not more than 0.003 %, and the index for JECFA is not more than 10 mg/kg;  Its water insoluble substances is not more than 0.06%, and the index for JECFA is not more than 0.1%;  The changes of the above technical indexes are determined by the products' actual analysis results. |
| **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: [ ]** **Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined.  **[ ]** **Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 2 February 2019  **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:** |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [ ]** **National Notification Authority, [****X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:** |