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 Additives Carmine Cochineal and Carmine Cochineal Aluminum Lake |
| **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 Additives Carmine Cochineal. **Language(s):** Chinese. **Number of pages:** 8  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/CHN/18_6215_00_x.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This standard applies to food additives Carmine Cochineal, it includes Cochineal extract that is the concentrated solution obtained after removing the alcohol (ethanol and/or methanol) from an aqueous, aqueous alcoholic or alcoholic extract of cochineal, and/or Carmines that is obtained by a hydrated aluminium chelate of in aqueous extraction of cochineal. It also specifies the technical requirements and detection methods for food additives Carmine Cochineal. |
| **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)*:**The specification of "Cochineal extract and Carmines" prepared at the 55th JECFA (2000)  **[ ]** **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:**   1. Powder and dark purple colour are included in the sensory state description of Cochineal Extract, according to the actual conditions of the product and relevant EU Regulation; 2. Cancelling ethanol from residual solvents, because the residual amount in GB 2760 is not limited for these food processing aids. |
| **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:** |