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 Steviol glycosides |
| **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 Steviol glycosides.**Language(s):** Chinese. **Number of pages:** 10  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/CHN/20_6725_00_x.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This standard applies to food additive Steviol glycosides using leaves of *Stevia Rebaudiana* Bertoni as raw materias to extract and refine. The known glycosides includes Stevioside, Rebaudioside A, Rebaudioside B, Rebaudioside C, Rebaudioside D, Rebaudioside E, Rebaudioside F, Rebaudioside M, Rebaudioside N, Rebaudioside O, Dulcoside A, Rubusoside and Steviolbioside. It specifies the technical requirements and testing methods for the food additive Steviol glycosides. |
| **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 "STEVIOL GLYCOSIDES FROM *STEVIA REBAUDIANA* BERTONI" prepared at the 84th JECFA (2017)  **[ ]****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. Adding "crystals or granules" in the States of Sensory Requirements.  2. The content is required to not less than 90% in dry basis, and the test method (HPLC) is optimized.  3. Microbial index limit is not specified.  Reason: The standard is based on the revision of "National food safety standard: Food additive Steviol glycosides" (GB 8270-2014), 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: [ ]****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)*:** 3 January 2021  **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:** |