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 (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 Beta-carotene |
| **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 Beta-carotene.**Language(s):** Chinese. **Number of pages:** 7<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/CHN/21_2626_00_x.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This standard applies to food additive beta-carotene using retinyl acetate or beta-ionone as starting material by chemical synthesis. It specifies the technical requirements and testing methods for the food additive beta-carotene. |
| **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 "β-CAROTENE, SYNTHETIC" prepared at the 87th JECFA (2019)**[ ]****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. Loss on drying and Arsenic indicator is added;
2. Other carotenoids indicator is removed;
3. Residue on ignition is ≤0.2%.

Reason: The standard is based on the revision of "National Food Safety Standard of the P.R.C.: Food additive Beta-carotene" (GB 8821-2011), 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)*:** 12 June 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:** WTO/SPS National Notification and Enquiry Center of the People's Republic of ChinaTel: +(86 10) 5795 4645/5795 4642E-mail: sps@customs.gov.cn |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [ ]****National Notification Authority, [****X]****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 ChinaTel: +(86 10) 5795 4645/5795 4642E-mail: sps@customs.gov.cn |