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 Sodium Methylate (Sodium Methoxide) |
| **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 Methylate (Sodium Methoxide).**Language(s):** Chinese. **Number of pages:** 7  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/SPS/CHN/21_2628_00_x.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This standard applies to food additive Sodium Methylate (Sodium Methoxide), which is prepared by reacting methanol with sodium or sodium hydroxide, the reactants being purified, methanol removal and dehydrated. It specifies the technical requirements and test methods for sodium methylate (sodium methoxide). |
| **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:**  **[ ]****Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:**  **[ ]****World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[ ]****International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**  **[****X]** **None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[ ]****Yes [ ]****No**  **If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:** |
| **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. |
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| **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 China  Tel: +(86 10) 5795 4645/5795 4642  E-mail: sps@customs.gov.cn |
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