

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>HONG KONG, CHINA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Department of Health, the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
3.	<b>Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable). Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Artificial sweeteners
4.	<b>Title and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Proposed Amendments to Food Adulteration (Artificial Sweeteners) Regulations (1 page).
5.	<b>Description of content:</b> To permit the use of cyclamic acid, sodium cyclamate, calcium cyclamate, thaumatin and sucralose as artificial sweeteners. This is in addition to the five chemical compounds already specified in the Schedule of the Regulations as permitted artificial sweeteners.
6.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
7.	<b>An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist</b> <input type="checkbox"/> . <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b> Not applicable.
8.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Proposed Amendments to Food Adulteration (Artificial Sweeteners) Regulations. Available in English and Chinese.
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> November 1999.
10.	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> November 1999.
11.	<b>Final date for comments:</b> Not applicable <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:
12.	<b>Texts available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: