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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> CHINA <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China
<b>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):</b> Food additive Calcium hydroxide
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> National Food Safety Standard of the P.R.C.: Food additive Calcium Hydroxide. <b>Language(s):</b> Chinese. <b>Number of pages:</b> 8 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/CHN/22_6523_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/CHN/22_6523_00_x.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> This standard applies to Calcium hydroxide as a food additive prepared by calcine limestone or oysters containing limestone into calcium oxide and then by digestion. It specifies the technical requirements and testing methods for food additive Calcium hydroxide.
<b>7. 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.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): 19 <sup>th</sup> JECFA(1975) - Calcium hydroxide <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input type="checkbox"/> None <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b> 1. Heavy metal, arsenic, loss on drying, sieve residue and whiteness have been added in this standard for food safety. Heavy metal (as Pb) set to not more than 10mg/kg, arsenic (as As) set to not more than 2.0mg/kg, loss on drying set to not more than 1.0%, sieve residue (0.045mm) set to not more than 0.4%, whiteness set to not less than 91;

<p>2. Method of assay was determined by acid-base titration;  3. Acid-insoluble substances set to 0.1%, magnesium and alkali salts set to 2.0%.</p> <p>The changes of the above are determined by the products' actual analysis results.</p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.  <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.  [ ] Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 28 November 2022  <b>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:</b></p> <p>WTO/SPS National Notification and Enquiry Center of the People's Republic of China  Tel: +(86 10) 5795 4645/5795 4642  E-mail: <a href="mailto:sps@customs.gov.cn">sps@customs.gov.cn</a></p>
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