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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>CHINA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> National Health and Family Planning Commission (NHFPC)
3.	<b>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 Microcrystalline Cellulose
4.	<b>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:
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> National Food Safety Standard: Food Additive Microcrystalline Cellulose <b>Language(s):</b> Chinese <b>Number of pages:</b> 4 <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/CHN/15_0373_00_x.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/CHN/15_0373_00_x.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> This standard applies to the food additive microcrystalline cellulose which uses fiber plant material and inorganic acid and gets them pounded into paste as raw materials, made into alpha cellulose, then depolymerizing part of cellulose, followed by removing the non-crystalline portion and purification. It specifies the technical requirements and test methods for food additive microcrystalline cellulose.
7.	<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.
8.	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)</b> The specification of microcrystalline cellulose prepared at the 55 <sup>th</sup> JECFA (2000) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number)</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b> <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> The different indexes of this standard are as follows: In this standard, the limit for starch is not required. The standard is consistent with the actual conditions of Chinese products.

<b>9.</b>	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> None
<b>10.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined. <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.
<b>11.</b>	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
<b>12.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 24 March 2015 <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:
<b>13.</b>	<b>Text(s) available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: