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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: US Food and Drug Administration
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 in which TBHQ is allowed for use
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Eastman Chemical Company; Filing of Food Additive Petition Language(s): English Number of pages: 2 http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-04-08/pdf/2014-07632.pdf http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2014/sps/USA/14_1945_00_e.pdf
6.	Description of content: The Food and Drug Administration is announcing that we have filed a petition, submitted by Eastman Chemical Company, proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to remove the upper bound of the melting point range in the regulation for the antioxidant TBHQ (tertiary butylhydroquinone) and add a purity acceptance criterion. The food additive petition was filed on 11 March 2014.
7.	Objective and rationale: <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.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (<i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (<i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (<i>e.g. ISPM number</i>) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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.
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: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Comments will be accepted at any time after publication of the notice of filing; however, if a final rule is promulgated, it will address only those comments that were received prior to publication of the final rule. Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Ellen Anderson, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-265), Food and Drug Administration, 5100 Paint Branch Pkwy., College Park, MD 20740-3835, 240 402 1309
13.	Texts available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: United States SPS National Notification Authority, USDA Foreign Agricultural Service, International Regulations and Standards Division (IRSD), Stop 1014, Washington D.C. 20250; Tel: +(1 202) 720 1301; Fax: +(1 202) 720 0433; E-mail: us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov Text can be also be found in the Federal Register, Vol. 79, No. 67, Page 19301 or on the Internet at: http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2014-04-08/pdf/2014-07632.pdf