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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> US Food and Drug Administration
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> HS Code: 17 Soft and hard candy, mints, and chewing gum
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> Listing of Color Additives Exempt From Certification; Synthetic Iron Oxide; Final Rule <b>Language(s):</b> English <b>Number of pages:</b> 4 <a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-03-20/pdf/2015-06418.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-03-20/pdf/2015-06418.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The Food and Drug Administration is amending the colour additive regulations to provide for the expanded safe use of synthetic iron oxide as a colour additive to include use in soft and hard candy, mints, and chewing gum. This action is in response to a petition filed by Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company (Wrigley).
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 type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text) <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b>
9.	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>

10.	<b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 21 April 2015 <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 20 March 2015
11.	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 21 April 2015 <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
12.	<b>Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 20 April 2015  <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:  You may submit either electronic or written objections and requests for a hearing, identified by Docket No. FDA-2013-C-1008, by any of the following methods:  Electronic Submissions Submit electronic objections in the following way: Federal eRulemaking Portal: <a href="http://www.regulations.gov/">http://www.regulations.gov/</a> . Follow the instructions for submitting comments.  Written Submissions Submit written objections in the following ways: Mail/Hand delivery/Courier (for paper submissions): Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.  Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket No. FDA-2013-C-1008 for this rulemaking. All objections received will be posted without change to <a href="http://www.regulations.gov/">http://www.regulations.gov/</a> , including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on submitting objections, see the "Objections" heading of the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section.
13.	<b>Text(s) available from:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> 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: <a href="mailto:us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov">us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov</a>  Text can be also be found in the Federal Register, Vol. 80, No. 54, Page 14839 or on the Internet at: <a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-03-20/pdf/2015-06418.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-03-20/pdf/2015-06418.pdf</a>