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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	**Notifying Member:** UNITED STATES OF AMERICA **If applicable, name of local government involved:**
2.	**Agency responsible:** United States 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):** HS Code(s): 15; ICS Code(s): 67
4.	**Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:** **[X] All trading partners** **[ ] Specific regions or countries:**
5.	**Title of the notified document:** Grocery Manufacturers Association; Filing of Food Additive Petition; Notice of Petition **Language(s):** English **Number of pages:** 2 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/SPS/USA/15_4409_00_e.pdf
6.	**Description of content:** The Food and Drug Administration has filed a petition, submitted by the Grocery Manufacturers Association, proposing that the food additive regulations be amended to provide for the safe use of partially hydrogenated vegetable oils (PHOs) in various food applications.
7.	**Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [ ] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [ ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests.**
8.	**Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:** **[ ] Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*** **[ ] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*** **[ ] International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*** **[X] None** **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?** **[ ] Yes [ ] 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)*:** Not applicable **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Not applicable

11. **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Not applicable

[ ] 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.

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Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Comments submitted electronically, including attachments, to http://www.regulations.gov will be posted to the docket unchanged. Because your comment will be made public, you are solely responsible for ensuring that your comment does not include any confidential information that you or a third party may not wish to be posted, such as medical information, your or anyone else's Social Security number, or confidential business information, such as a manufacturing process. Please note that if you include your name, contact information, or other information that identifies you in the body of your comments, that information will be posted on http://www.regulations.gov.
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Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket No. FDA-2015-F-3663 for "Grocery Manufacturers Association; Filing of Food Additive Petition". Received comments will be placed in the docket and, except for those submitted as "Confidential Submissions," publicly viewable at http://www.regulations.gov or at the Division of Dockets Management between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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13. Text(s) 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.spsenquirypoint@fas.usda.gov

Text can also be found in the Federal Register, Vol. 80, No. 208, page 65978 or on the internet at: http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-10-28/pdf/2015-27277.pdf.