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## **Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures**

## **NOTIFICATION**

1. Notifying Member: THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU

If applicable, name of local government involved:

- **2. Agency responsible:** Ministry of Health and Welfare
- 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 additives to be used in foods
- 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: The Draft Amendment of Standards for Scope, Application and Limitation of Food Additives. Language(s): Chinese and English. Number of pages: 422

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- **6. Description of content:** The TFDA is proposing:
  - Developed articles of Standards for Scope, Application and Limitation of Food Additives:
  - 2. Establishment of food category system in standards for scope, application and limitation of food additives. Amendment of the functional groups of food additives;
  - 3. Shift of standards for scope, application and limitation of Microcrystalline Cellulose, Powdered Cellulose, Carob Bean Gum, Guar Gum, Tragacanth Gum, Gum Arabic, Karaya Gum, Tara Gum, Pectins, Pullulan from food ingredients;
  - 4. Shift of food additives of Casein, Sodium Caseinate and Calcium Caseinate to food ingredients;
  - 5. Establishment of standards for scope, application and limitation of Nitrogen, Nitrous Oxide and Carbon dioxide:
  - Establishment and amendment of standards for scope, application and limitation of Phosphates, Ethylene Diamine Tetera Acetates, Acetic and Fatty Acid Esters of Glycerol, Sucrose Acetate Isobutyrate, Alums, Sodium Aluminium Phosphate, Acidic, Aluminium Sulfate and Propionates.
- 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:
  - [X] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): CODEX STAN 192-1995, General Standard for Food Additives
  - [ ] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):
  - [ ] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):
  - [] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[X] 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: The Draft Amendment of Standards for Scope, Application and Limitation of Food Additives (422 pages) (MOHW Food No. 1071301454, 28 November 2018) is available from the National Notification Authority, National Enquiry Point, and Ministry of Health and Welfare. The standards will be published in the Official Government Gazette when adopted. The full text may be downloaded from the following website: <a href="http://www.fda.gov.tw/news-list.aspx">http://www.fda.gov.tw/news-list.aspx</a>. The full text maybe available in English from the following website: <a href="http://tsfa.fda.gov.tw">http://tsfa.fda.gov.tw</a>.

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**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): 28 May 2019

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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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:

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