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China Announces New Standards on Edible Soybean Meal

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Report Highlights:

On September 4, 2015, China notified the WTO of the National Food Safety Standard on Edible Soybean Meal, issued by the National Health and Family Planning Commission (NHFPC), as SPS/N/CHN/991. The deadline for submission of final comments to China is November 3, 2015. This standard pertains to soybean meal, pea bean, broad bean meal, wheat meal, corn meal, rice meal, walnut meal, almond meal, peanut meal, sesame meal, sunflower seed meal, and flaxseed meal. The proposed date of entry is yet to be determined. Comments can be sent to China's SPS Enquiry Point at spn@aqsiq.gov.cn. The following report contains an unofficial translation of this draft measure.

Executive Summary:

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BEGIN TRANSLATION:

National Food Safety Standard Food Processing Meal

Issued by National Health and Family Planning Commission of the People's Republic of China

PREAMBLE

This Standard replaces GB 14932.1-2003 Hygienic Standard for Edible Soybean Meal.

Compared with GB 14932.1-2003, this Standard has the following main changes:

- The name has been changed to National Food Safety Standard for Food Processing Meal;
- Added the terms and definitions;
- Deleted the requirements of moisture, protein, and ash content and urease activity indexes.

National Food Safety Standard

Food Processing Meal

1 Scope

This Standard shall apply to the edible meals used in the food industry.

This Standard shall not apply to rapeseed meal and cottonseed meal.

2 Terms and Definitions

2.1 Food Processing Meal

It refers to the substances which use beans, grains, nuts and seeds as primary ingredients, is prepared by removing (or extraction) of oil or starch and used as raw materials in food industry, and contains protein. It mainly includes soybean meal, pea bean, broad bean meal, wheat meal, corn meal, rice meal, walnut meal, almond meal, peanut meal, sesame meal, sunflower seed meal, and flaxseed meal.

3. Technical Requirements

3.1 Requirements of Ingredients

The ingredients shall conform to the applicable food standards and regulations.

3.2 Sensory Requirements

Sensory requirements are listed in Table 1 below.

Table 1 Sensory Requirements

Item	Indicator	Testing Method
Color and Luster	Have the color and luster which should have in various food processing meals.	Take a suitable amount of samples in white dish (porcelain plate or similar container), and observe its color, luster and conditions in natural light.
Taste and Smell	Have the taste and smell which should have in various food processing meals; no musty odor; no peculiar smell.	
Form	In the form of pie, loose flake, powder or particle; no normal sight visible foreign material or metal foreign body.	

3.3 Physical and Chemical Indexes

Table 2 Physical and Chemical Indexes

Item	Indicator	Testing Method
Residual Solvent ^a /mg/kg ≤	500	GB/T 5009.117
a. Only apply to the products using the solvent extraction process.		

3.4 Contaminant Limit and Mycotoxin Limit

3.4.1 Amount of contaminant shall conform to the requirements of GB 2762. Particularly, bean meals shall conform to the requirements of GB 2762 regarding beans; grain meals shall conform to the requirements of GB 2762 regarding grains and their products; nut and seed meals shall conform to the requirements of GB 2762 regarding nuts and seeds.

3.4.2 Amount of mycotoxin shall conform to the requirements of GB 2761. Particularly, bean meals shall conform to the requirements of GB 2761 regarding beans; grain meals shall conform to the requirements of GB 2761 regarding grains and their products; nut and seed meals shall conform to the requirements of GB 2761

regarding nuts and seeds.

3.5 Food Additives

Use of food additives shall conform to the requirements of GB 2760.

4 Others

Labels and marks shall conform to the applicable standards. The final production process of the product must be expressly indicated (solvent extraction process or pressing process, etc.)
