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National Food Safety Standard for Blended Food Additives

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Report Highlights:

On July 20, 2010, China notified to the WTO the National Food Safety Standard for Blended Food Additives as G/SPS/N/CHN/305. The deadline for comment is September 18, 2010 and the adoption date is to be determined. This report contains an UNOFFICIAL translation of the measure.

Executive Summary:

On July 20, 2010, China notified the WTO of National Food Safety Standard for Blended Food Additives as G/SPS/N/CHN/305. The date for submission of final comments to China is September 18, 2010. The proposed date of entry is to be determined.

Comments can be sent to the China WTO SPS Enquiry Point at: SPS@aqsic.gov.cn.

This report contains an UNOFFICIAL translation of National Food Safety Standard on Blended Food Additives.

General Information:

BEGIN TRANSLATION

**National Food safety Standard
General Standard for Blended Food Additives**

GBxxxx-xxxx

(Draft for comment)

Date of issuance: xxxx-2010

Date of implementation: xxxx

Issued by the Ministry of Health

1. Scope

This standard applies to all blended food additives except for food flavorings and the gum-based substances in chewing gum.

2. Terminology and definitions

The following terminology and definitions apply to this standard.

2.1 *Blended food additives* refer to the food additive made from two or more than two kinds of single variety of food additives, with or without adjuvant added, mixed evenly by physical process.

2.2 *Adjuvant* refers to the food materials or food additives added with the technical purpose of the processing, storage, standardization and dissolution of the blended food additives, where such substances make no effect in the end food used in the blended food additive products.

3. Principle for naming

3.1 The blended food additive compounded from the variety of single-function food additive with the same function shall be named in accordance with the target function that such food additive can be exerted in the end food, that is, in the form of "blended" + "the name of function category of food additives in GB2760": the blended colorant and the blended antiseptics.

3.2 The blended food additive compounded from the variety of multiple-function food additive with the same function or the food additives with different functions can be named either in accordance with the complete target functions or the major target functions that can be exerted in the end food or in accordance with the category of the end food that can make effect, such as blended ice cream stabilizer and blended bread ameliorant.

4. Requirements

4.1 Basic requirements

4.1.1 Each single-variety food additive used to produce blended food additives shall comply with the varieties, scope of use and application amount as set forth in GB2760, GB14880 and the Ministry of Health's announcement. It is prohibited to use each single-variety food additive without common scope of use in the production of blended food additives.

4.1.2. The variety of each single-variety food additive and the adjuvant used to produce blended food additives shall comply with relevant product safety standards.

4.2 Sensory requirements

The products shall be provided with indispensable forms, colors, free from peculiar smell, odor, rotten or mould phenomenon and without the extraneous materials that are visible by normal eyesight.

The inspection method for sensory requirements is that an appropriate amount of sample to be inspected is put into a colorless transparent container or a white porcelain dish, which shall be placed in brightness to look into the shape, color and to smell its odor at room temperature.

4.3 Limited contaminants

4.3.1 The item of the contaminants index within the blended food additives shall include all the contaminant items as set forth in the product safety standards of each single variety of the blended food additive.

4.3.2. The index of each contaminant item shall be equal to or be stricter than the limited value of such item in each single-variety food additive and the adjuvant and the limited value that derives from the weighted calculation by the proportion of such single-variety food additive in the blended food additive and shall be inspected according to relevant inspection method. If the result from the weighted calculation is lower than the minimum limited value of such item in the

product safety standards of all the single-variety food additives or adjuvant, the minimum limited value of a certain single-variety food additives or adjuvant in the product safety standards shall be used as the limited value of such item in the blended food additive.

4.4 Microbial limit

The item of the microorganism index as required by the blended food additives shall include all the disease-causing germ items as set forth in the product safety standards of each single variety of the blended food additive and the adjuvant, the requirement on the index of each item shall be in line with the minimum requirement on such item in the product safety standards of each single-variety food additive or the adjuvant.

5. Identification

5.1. The labeling and the instructions of the blended food additives shall include and be marked with the following matters:

5.1.1. The name of the product, specification, net content and date of production;

5.1.2. The general name of each single food additive and the name of the adjuvant and the blended food additives entering the retail sector shall be marked with the content of each single-variety food additive;

5.1.3. The name of the manufacturer, address, and contact method;

5.1.4. Warranty period;

5.1.5. Code of product standard;

5.1.6. Storage conditions;

5.1.7. Serial number of manufacturing license, other matters that are required to be indicated according to the provisions of laws and regulations as well as the food safety standards;

5.1.8. Range of use, dosage, method employed;

5.1.9. Words of "Food Additive" shall be indicated on the label and the blended food additives entering the retail sector shall be marked with the words of "For Retail";

5.1.10. Other contents that are required to be indicated by laws and regulations;

5.2. The imported blended food additive shall be provided with labels or instructions in Chinese; except for the identification of the aforementioned contents, the name, address and contact method of the place of origin or the domestic agents shall also be indicated while the code of product standards and the serial number of manufacturing license can be exempted.

5.3. The labeling and the instructions of the blended food additives shall be clear, remarkable, easy to identify and no labels or instructions of the blended food additive shall have any false or exaggerated content or involve any disease prevention and treatment functions.

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