NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Macao, China  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM) The Government of the Macao Special Administrative Region |
| **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 |
| **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:** Regulamento Administrativo n.º 12/2018 Normas relativas à utilização de edulcorantes em géneros alimentícios (Standard for Uses of Sweeteners in Foodstuffs). **Language(s):** Chinese and Portuguese. **Number of pages:**50  <http://images.io.gov.mo/bo/i/2018/23/rega-12-2018.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Administrative Regulation No. 12/2018 "Normas relativas à utilização de edulcorantes em géneros alimentícios" (Standard for Uses of Sweeteners in Foodstuffs) is a food safety standard that guides and regulates the uses of sweeteners by food producers and traders, including the principles of sweetener use, the scope of the use, the types of sweeteners permitted in food, the maximum levels of use, and the food categories in which maximum use levels of certain sweeteners are applied. In this administrative regulation, "sweeteners" are defined as a type of food additive that is used to replace sugar and impart sweet taste to food, excluding monosaccharides or disaccharides. This administrative regulation does not apply to foods intended for specific dietetic use, with the exception of certain products for infants and young children. In this administrative regulation, 19 types of sweeteners are permitted to be used in foodstuffs, and the use of sweeteners in food shall follow the principle of Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP). |
| **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  **[ ]** **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:** |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 25 May 2018  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 4 June 2018 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [****X] Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 5 June 2018  **[ ]** **Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Not applicable  **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [ ]****National Notification Authority, [****X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e‑mail address (if available) of other body:** |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [ ]****National Notification Authority, [****X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e‑mail address (if available) of other body:** |