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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Health and Standardization Administration of China
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): ICS 67.120.30
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All countries and regions
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Hygienic standard for fresh and frozen marine products of animal origin, (available in Chinese, 5 pages)
6. Description of content: This standard stipulates the category, index requirements, hygienic requirements in processing, packaging, marking, storage, transportation and determination methods of fresh and frozen marine products of animal origin. This standard applies to fresh and frozen marine products of animal origin.
7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8. International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health, <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: The former standard did not regulate limits for methyl mercury. According to CAC standards, the modified standard adds limits for methyl mercury: edible fish $\leq 1.0\text{mg/kg}$, other aquatic products $\leq 0.5\text{mg/kg}$.
9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Chinese GB/T 5009.11 Determination of total and inorganic arsenic in foods GB/T 5009.12 Determination of lead in foods GB/T 5009.15 Determination of cadmium in foods GB/T 5009.17 Determination of total and organic mercury in foods GB/T 5009.44 Method for analysis of hygienic standard of meat and meat products GB/T 5009.45 Method for analysis of hygienic standard of fish and other aquatic products GB/T 5009.190 Determination of polychlorinated biphenyl in seafoods GB 7718 The universal standard of food labels GB 14881 General hygienic regulation for food enterprises

10. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined
11. Proposed date of entry into force: 6 months after adoption
12. Final date for comments: Sixty days after the date of notification Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National notification authority, [X] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:
13. Texts available from: [] National notification authority, [X] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: