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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU</u> 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 ingredient to be used in food
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: The Draft Regulation for The Use Restrictions and Labeling Requirements of Astaxanthin Produced by Genetically Modified <i>Escherichia coli</i> strain Ast12 as a Food Ingredient. Language(s): Chinese and English. Number of pages: 5 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/TPKM/20_3783_00_e.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/TPKM/20_3783_00_x.pdf
6. Description of content: This draft regulation specifies the use restrictions and labeling requirements for the astaxanthin produced by genetically modified <i>Escherichia coli</i> strain Ast12 for food purposes.
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. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: The Draft Regulation for The Use Restrictions and Labeling Requirements of Astaxanthin Produced by Genetically Modified <i>Escherichia coli</i> strain Ast12 as a Food Ingredient (MOHW Food No.1091301152, 17 June 2020) is available in English from the National Notification Authority, National Enquiry Point, and Ministry of Health and Welfare. The regulation will be published in the Official Government Gazette when adopted. The full text may be downloaded from the following website: http://www.fda.gov.tw/eng/index.aspx (available in Chinese) (available in Chinese)</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 18 August 2020 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Food and Drug Administration Ministry of Health and Welfare No.161-2, Kunyang St, Nangang District, Taipei City 115-61, Taiwan Tel: +(8862) 2787 8000 ext 7318 Fax: +(8862) 2653 1062 E-mail: yoannaluo@fda.gov.tw</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Food and Drug Administration Ministry of Health and Welfare No.161-2, Kunyang St, Nangang District, Taipei City 115-61, Taiwan Tel: +(8862) 2787 8000 ext 7318 Fax: +(8862) 2653 1062 E-mail: yoannaluo@fda.gov.tw</p>