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CHINA INVITES COMMENTS FOR NEW ADDITIVES IN FOOD PACKAGING

The National Health and Family Planning Commission (NHFPC) of the People's Republic of China (PRC) released a notice inviting comments on the approval of 4 new substances, a resin and the expansion of the scope of 3 existing additives.

In June 2013, we informed you that China approved 258 new additives for food contact containers and packaging materials¹.

According to the requirements of the "Food Safety Law of the People's Republic of China", its implementing rules, and in accordance with "Provisions of the administrative license management on new varieties of food-related products" and after an expert's evaluation organised by the government, the NHFPC of the PRC released a notice on 3 July 2013 inviting comments on the approval of four new food contact additives, one resin and an expansion of the application of three existing additives for food contact containers and packaging materials². This public consultation exercise is open for comments until 9 August 2013.



Highlights on the proposal are summarised in Table 1.

¹ [SafeguardS 114/13](#)

² <http://www.moh.gov.cn/sps/s3585/201307/44cb5406a5a94191a88345e221619557.shtml> (in Chinese)

TABLE 1.

ITEM	SUBSTANCE	CAS NUMBER	REMARK	PUBLIC CONSULTATION
1	3,4-Diacetoxy-1-butene (DAB)	18085-02-4	New food contact additives	Until 9 August 2013
2	Formamide, N-ethenyl-, homopolymer	72018-12-3		
3	Formamide, n-ethenyl-, polymer with ethenamine, hydrochloride	111616-55-8		
4	Titanium nitride	25583-20-4		
5	Cobalt stearate (Cobalt octadecanoate)	13586-84-0	Expansion of scope of food contact application	
6	Phenol, 2,4-bis(1,1-dimethylethyl)-, phosphate (3:1)	31570-04-4		
7	Stearic acid	57-11-4		
8	Ethenol polymer with ethene, 1-(vinylxy) propan-2-ol, and 2-(vinylxy)propan-1-ol	482589-30-0	Resin	

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