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Administrative Provisions on Nutrient Supplements

(Draft for Public Consultation)

Article 1: This Regulation is formulated in accordance with the Food Safety Law of the People's Republic of China for the purpose of regulating the management of nutrient supplements.

Article 2: *Nutrient supplement* mentioned herein refers to products whose purpose is to supplement nutrients such as vitamins and minerals rather than energy supply. The functions of nutrient supplements include supplement of insufficient dietary intakes, prevention of nutritional deficiency and risk reduction of some chronic degenerative diseases.

Article 3: China Food and Drug Administration (hereinafter referred to as CFDA) shall be responsible for the establishment of *Categories and Dosages of Nutrient Supplements, the Vitamins and Mineral Substances Used in Nutrient Supplements and Quality Requirements, the Vitamins and Mineral Substances Used in Nutrient Supplements and Quality Requirements (for infants and young children)* and *List of Additive Materials Approved for Health Food*. Health food enterprises, industry associations, academies and experts are encouraged to participate in the revision.

Article 4: The sample trial of nutrient supplements shall be produced in three continuous batches at large scale. The processing plant and production process shall conform to the rules specified in *Good Manufacture Practice for Health Food*.

Imported nutrient supplements shall have been manufactured and marketed outside the territory of China for more than one year, and comply with the China's *Good Manufacture Practice for Health Food* as well as local requirements of good manufacture practice.

Article 5: Health food enterprises should send the samples of three batches, or imported products, and documents concerning tests to testing agencies for health food registration. The testing agency shall conduct stability tests on all testing items of the samples as is required by product technologies in accordance to testing methods provided by the enterprise.

Article 6: Nutrient supplements shall fulfill the following requirements:

1. The categories and dosages of nutrients shall conform to the rules stipulated in Categories and Dosage of Nutrient Supplements.
2. The compound categories and quality requirements of nutrients shall conform to the rules specified in *the Vitamins and Mineral Substances Used in Nutrient Supplements and Quality Requirements*. For nutrient supplements of which the suitable group is infants and young children under the age of three, the compound categories and quality requirements shall comply with *the Vitamins and Mineral Substances Used in Nutrient Supplements and Quality Requirements (for infants and young children)*. Any other biologically active substances with effective dosages shall not be contained in nutrients extracted from the edible parts of foods. Health foods manufacturers are encouraged to established stricter quality

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