

Review Procedures for Safety of New Food Raw Materials

Chapter I General Provisions

Article 1 This procedures is formulated to regulate the review for safety assessment materials of new food raw materials (hereinafter referred to as “safety review”) in accordance with *Administrative Measures on Safety Examination of New Food Raw Materials*.

Article 2 Safety review for new food raw materials is performed by National Health and Family Planning Commission of the People’s Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as “NHFPC”) which organizes experts to review safety assessment materials and draw technical review conclusions in combination with on-site verification when necessary. NHFPC make a decision on whether to approve the use of new food raw materials, according to the technical review conclusions.

Article 3 Health Supervision Center affiliated to NHFPC undertake the organization of expert review and on-site verification on accepted safety assessment materials of new food raw materials and the examination and approval of the technical review conclusions.

Chapter II Requirements for Expert Review

Article 4 After receiving the safety assessment materials of new food raw materials, Health Supervision Center shall organize the expert review committee meeting (hereinafter referred to as “review meeting”) to review relevant materials within 60 days. Review meeting is held once every two months in principle.

Article 5 Health Supervision Center shall select experts randomly from the expert database to form an expert review committee, according to the characteristics of the accepted products and the need of safety review. The review committee is composed of 9 experts at least, generally including experts from food, nutrition, medicine and pharmacy fields. The same expert shall not consecutively attend the review meeting more than three times.

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