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Report Highlights:

On February 12, 2024, the People’s Republic of China (PRC) notified the National Standard for Seed of Food Crops – Part 1: Cereals (Draft) to the World Trade Organization (WTO). The new draft incorporates quality requirements for genetically modified (GM) corn varieties with herbicide tolerance and insect resistance and modified quality indicators for hybrid rice seeds and conventional corn, wheat, and sorghum seeds. The deadline for submitting public comments on the revised draft is April 12, 2024. This report provides a link to a previous report, which includes an unofficial translation of the standard and analysis of updated language.

Summary

On February 12, 2024, the PRC notified [National Standards for Seed of Food Crops-Part 1: Cereals \(Draft for Comments\)](#) (link in Chinese) to the WTO under [G/TBT/N/CHN/1817](#). According to the notification, the updated draft national standard applies to products covered by HS codes 100191 (wheat seed for sowing), 1003 (barley seed for sowing), 100410 (oat seed for sowing), 100510 (corn seed for sowing), 100610 (rice seed for sowing), 100710 (sorghum seed for sowing), and 120929 (beet seed and other feed plant seed for sowing). Comments may be submitted by April 12, 2024 to China's WTO/TBT National Notification and Enquiry Center at tbt@customs.gov.cn.

For an unofficial translation of the draft directive and analysis of updated language, please see: [GAIN Report CH2024-0004](#). Interested stakeholders are encouraged to conduct their own review of the notification and text and send their comments to the Enquiry Center by the deadline.

Attachments:

No Attachments.