

Ministry of Health, P.R. China against the SPS Agreement prohibited food additives (benzoyl peroxide)

Ministry of Health, P.R.China, From 1 May 2011, benzoyl peroxide shall not be added into flour, food additive producers are not allowed to produce or sell benzoyl peroxide as food additive; (G/SPS/N/CHN/356), But it had proposed benzoyl peroxide no security problems. The reasons of ban are as follows:

- 1、 Chinese consumers do not like chemicals
- 2、 Flour business equipment improved, do not need to use benzoyl peroxid
- 3、 According to the *China food safety law*

It is completely wrong that "Chinese consumers do not like chemicals," as the basis for disabled. If so, any WTO member can use that their own consumers do not like chemicals "as the reason to disable any kind of food additives.

Proposed by the Ministry of Health, P.R. China”the domestic consumers do not accept wheat flour containing benzoyl peroxide and calcium peroxide”The reason is to get through the web-based survey. The Internet to seek the views of consumers are "Do you like to eat wheat flour containing benzoyl peroxide. Findings are that most consumers do not like, Therefore do this in order to disable the reasons.

In addition, it is not true that" The use of benzoyl peroxide and calcium peroxide are no longer necessary in the production of flour with the improvement of production techniques of wheat flour"On the contrary, Many chinese flour enterprises are against the disabled, and wheat flour processing there is no improvement.

The reason of Ministry of Health is simply to be a simple survey of the Chinese production of additives and flour companies know to be false to deceive

China Food Safety Law can not conflict with food legislation and the WTO can not be used as the legal basis against the SPS Agreement, which is a WTO member states should comply with the basic knowledge

The reason to disable a safe food additive, only China can do.

Benzoyl peroxide, flour treatment agent is allowed to be used in many countries,

the formation of benzoic acid in the flour, there is no scientific evidence that would cause harm to the human body. CAC regulations in wheat flour using volume was 75mg/kg, the U.S. FDA regulations GMP, Canada, the Philippines, Japan, Korea, India, Taiwan area and so allows for use in flour.

In Taiwan, benzoyl peroxide disabled in the flour, the United States objected to this, in order to comply with the SPS Agreement, but also permit the use

Disabled benzoyl peroxide should abide by the WTO rules, China's accession to the WTO and other members of the promises and guarantees "only use SPS measures to the extent necessary to protect human, animal and plant life or health, and this types of measures should be fully based on scientific principles. "

China as economic powers should maintain the WTO rules, Disable benzoyl peroxide should according to SPS agreement to provide a scientific basis, and does not provide any scientific data, they are disabled, that is no respect for the other members of the WTO. Any violation of the SPS Agreement, WTO members should be subject to questioning and retaliatory sanctions. At present, China as chairman of the Codex Committee on food additives should comply with the SPS Agreement, It is irresponsible that there is no scientific basis for free to disable the benzoyl peroxide.