

Specification Standards for Red Yeast Rice Health Food

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Article 1

These Standards are prescribed formulated in accordance with Paragraph 2 of Article 3 of the Health Food Control Act.

Article 2

The red yeast rice products (hereinafter referred to as the Products) subject to these Standards are *Monascus* spp. incubated with rice and dried and made directly into food products in the forms of powder, capsules or tablets.

The Products in the preceding paragraph shall be based on mono formula only except for the use of antioxidants or excipients necessary for processing.

The *Monascus* spp. mentioned in the first paragraph shall be cultures suitable to serve as ingredients for food products, and the identification report of the cultures shall be presented.

Article 3

The specified ingredients of the Products shall meet the following requirements:

1. The daily intake of monacolin K shall be at least 4.8 milligrams, but no more than 15 milligrams.
2. The concentration of citrinin contained shall be less than two parts per million (2 ppm).

Article 4

The test methods for the ingredients in the first paragraph of the preceding Article shall be those generally recognized domestically and internationally.

Article 5

These Standards shall take effect on December 31, 2007.