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TRANSITIONAL REVIEW MECHANISM PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH 18 OF THE PROTOCOL ON THE ACCESSION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ("CHINA")

Questions from the United States to China concerning Trade-Related Investment Measures

1. China's State Council last issued its *Sectoral Guidelines Catalogue for Foreign Investment* in March 2002. That issue of the catalogue reflected China's decision to adhere to its commitment to open up certain sectors to foreign investment, including travel agencies, human resources companies, cinemas, railway cargo and publications distribution, while it also signalled the opening-up of a number of other sectors not covered by China's accession agreement. One notable exception to this progress was the area of biotechnology seed development and production, which China changed to the "prohibited" category.

Question 1

When does China plan on issuing a new or revised catalogue?

Question 2

Does China have any plans to remove biotechnology seed development and production from the "prohibited" category?
