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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: VIET NAM

If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):

2. Agency responsible:

Vietnam Food Administration, Ministry of Health 138A Giang Vo, Ba Dinh District, Hanoi, Vietnam Tel: +(84 4) 3846 4489/ +(84 4) 3846 3702

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Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:

- 3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], other:
- 4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Supplemented Food, Food Additives, Food Storages, materials contact with food
- **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** The draft Circular promulgating the list of foods, food additives, tools, packaging materials, and food containers that have been identified with commodity codes according to Vietnam's list of exported and imported commodities that must undergo state food safety inspection under the responsibility of the Ministry of Health; (33 page(s), in Vietnamese)
- **Description of content:** The draft Circular promulgates the list of foods, food additives, tools, packaging materials, and food containers that have been identified with commodity codes according to Vietnam's list of exported and imported commodities that must undergo state food safety inspection under the responsibility of the Ministry of Health.

This draft Circular replaces Circular 28/2021/TT-BYT dated 20/12/2021. This draft Circular is related to the Vietnam's Food Safety Law, which required all imported food products to be inspected at the border.

This draft Circular provides a detailed list of food products that fall under the responsibilities of the Ministry of Health of Vietnam and must be inspected at the border. Other ministries involved in food safety control in Vietnam will issue their regulations along the same lines.

7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer information, labelling; Protection of human health or safety

8. Relevant documents:

CODEX STAN 192-1995 - General Standard for Food Additives

9. Proposed date of adoption: 5 June 2024

Proposed date of entry into force: 20 July 2024

10. Final date for comments: 60 days from notification

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:

Website of the Government of Vietnam

https://chinhphu.vn/du-thao-vbqppl/du-thao-thong-tu-ban-hanh-danh-muc-thuc-pham-phu-gia-thuc-pham-va-dung-cu-vat-lieu-bao-goi-chua-6341

Website of the Vietnam Food Administration

https://vfa.gov.vn/du-thao-gop-y/thong-tuban-hanh-danh-muc-thuc-pham-phu-gia-thuc-pham-va-dung-cu-vat-lieu-bao-goi-chua-dung-thuc-pham-da-duoc-xac-dinh-ma-so-hang-hoa-theo-danh-muc-hang-hoa-xuat-khau-nhap-khau-viet-nam-phai-thuc-hien-kiem-tra-nha-nuoc-ve-an-toan-thuc-pham-doi-voi-thuc-pham-nhap-khau-thuoc-pham-vi-quan-ly-cua-bo-y-te.html

https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/VNM/24_02456_00_x.pdf