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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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### NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> VIET NAM <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Vietnam Food Administration, Ministry of Health 138A Giang Vo, Ba Dinh Ward, Hanoi, Vietnam Tel: +(84 4) 3846 4489/ +(84 4) 3846 3702 Fax: +(84 4) 3846 3739 Email: <a href="mailto:phapchehoinhap@gmail.com">phapchehoinhap@gmail.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.vfa.gov.vn">http://www.vfa.gov.vn</a>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], 3.2 [ ], 7.2 [ ], Other:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS codes or national tariff lines. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> All kinds of foodstuff
<b>5. Details of notified document(s) (title, number of pages and languages, means of access):</b> Draft Law on Food Safety (amended) replacing the the Food Safety Law ; (38 page(s), in Vietnamese) <b>Link to notified document(s) and/or contact details for agency or authority which can provide copies upon request:</b> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/TBT/VNM/25_05177_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/TBT/VNM/25_05177_00_x.pdf</a> Viet Nam Food Administration, Ministry of Health of Viet Nam Lane 135 Nui Truc Street, Ba Dinh Ward, Ha Noi, Viet Nam E-mail: <a href="mailto:phapchehoinhap@gmail.com">phapchehoinhap@gmail.com</a> Fax: +(84 24) 3846 3739
<b>6. Description of content:</b> 1. This draft Law specifies: a) The rights and obligations of organizations and individuals in ensuring food quality and safety. b) Conditions for ensuring the quality and safety of food, food ingredients, food additives, and food processing aids. c) Conditions for business establishments; import and export; testing. d) Risk analysis, prevention, control, and remediation of incidents. đ) Information, education, and communication. e) Responsibilities of state management for food safety, food ingredients, food additives, and food processing aids. 2. Structure:

The Draft Law consists of 51 Articles divided into 11 Chapters, with the following main contents:

Chapter I. General Provisions (Articles 1 to 6)

Chapter II. Rights and Obligations of Organizations and Individuals to Ensure Food Safety Conditions (Articles 7 to 10)

Chapter III. Conditions for Ensuring the Safety and Quality of Food and Food Ingredients (Articles 11 to 16)

Chapter IV. Conditions for Food and Food Ingredient Business Establishments (Articles 17 to 21)

Chapter V. Import and Export of Food and Food Ingredients (Articles 22 to 25)

Chapter VI. Advertisement and Labelling of Food, Food Ingredients, Food Additives, and Food Processing Aids (Articles 26 to 27)

Chapter VII. Testing of Food, Food Ingredients, Food Additives, and Food Processing Aids (Articles 28 to 30)

Chapter VIII. Risk Analysis and Management for Food, Food Ingredients, Food Additives, and Food Processing Aids (Articles 31 to 38)

Chapter IX. Information, Education, and Communication on Food (Articles 39 to 43)

Chapter X. State Management of Food Safety (Articles 44 to 49)

Chapter XI. Implementation Provisions (Articles 50 to 51)

### 3. Key Changes:

- Amend and supplement certain terminologies: health-protective food, medical nutrition food, food for special dietary purposes, food supplements, micronutrient-enhanced food, small-scale food business establishments, food ingredients, semi-finished food products, counterfeit food, testing, and trials.

- Amend and supplement certain policies in line with practical realities: establish a national food database interconnected with the national and specialized databases; develop a food information system; and strengthen the management of e-commerce, traceability, and food control.

- Add several strictly prohibited practices regarding advertising and conducting business in the e-commerce environment.

- Amend and supplement the specific monetary penalties for administrative violations.

- Clarify the rights and responsibilities of production and business establishments, and add the rights and responsibilities for entities registered for circulation.

- Conditions for ensuring the safety and quality of food and food ingredients.

- Conditions for establishments engaged in the business of food and food ingredients.

- Conditions for ensuring the safety of imported and exported food and food ingredients.

- Advertising and labeling of food.

- Testing of food, food ingredients, food additives, and food processing aids.

- State management of food: establish and amend the responsibilities for food safety inspections in accordance with the framework law; specifically define the responsibilities of the ministries; remove provisions regarding the powers and duties of food regulatory bodies and assign the government to stipulate the specific responsibilities of food safety management agencies; clearly define the tasks and powers of inspection teams and add provisions on the principles, forms, and timeframes of food quality and safety inspections; and add provisions on handling overlaps in food quality and safety inspections.

## **7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Protection of human health or safety

<b>8. Relevant documents:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Law on Food Safety No. 55/2010/QH12 dated June 17, 2010.</li><li>- Law amending and supplementing a number of articles of the Law on Product and Goods Quality No. 78/2025/QH15.</li></ul>
<b>9. Proposed date of adoption:</b> 1 October 2025 <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 1 July 2026
<b>10. Provision of comments</b> <b>Final date for comments:</b> 4 October 2025 <b>[X] 60 days from notification</b> <b>Contact details of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification:</b> Please submit comments to: Viet Nam TBT Enquiry Point, Email: <a href="mailto:tbtvn@tcvn.gov.vn">tbtvn@tcvn.gov.vn</a>