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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

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| 1. Notifying Member: <u>VIET NAM</u> If applicable, name of local government involved: |
| 2. Agency responsible: Viet Nam Food Administration, Ministry of Health |
| 3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Foodstuff |
| 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries: |
| 5. Title of the notified document: Draft National technical regulation on the limits of mycotoxin contamination in food. Language(s): Vietnamese. Number of pages: 20 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/VNM/25_00042_00_x.pdf |
| 6. Description of content: The draft QCVN 8-1:2025/BYT replaces QCVN 8-1:2011/BYT National technical regulation on limits of mycotoxin contamination in food. This draft National technical regulation stipulates technical requirements (Maximum permitted limits on the limits of mycotoxin contamination in food), testing methods, sampling; management requirements; and responsibilities of organizations and individuals producing and trading food. The reference basis for reviewing and amending the regulations on mycotoxin limits in the draft QCVN is based on the provisions of the Codex General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food (CODEX STAN 193-1995) updated in 2023 and EC Standard 2023/915 dated 25 April 2023 on maximum limits of certain contaminants in food replacing Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006, latest version dated 22 July 2024 and referring to other regulations on mycotoxin contamination limits in food that vary between countries around the world as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EC Standard 2023/915 dated 25 April 2023 on maximum limits for certain contaminants in food replaces Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006, the latest update dated 22 July 2024, which has changed the maximum limits for some indicators and added regulations for some food groups, such as: adding and changing the limits of Aflatoxin M1, Ochratoxin A, Zearalenone for some product groups; adding exclusions for the group of formula products for children aged 6-36 months; Additional limits for Ergot sclerotia and ergot alkaloids, T-2 and HT-2;• The Codex general standard for contaminants and toxins in food (CODEX STAN 193-1995) 2023 update has added regulations for some product groups and maximum contamination limits for some indicators different from EU regulations. This draft National technical regulation update testing methods: The testing methods stated in the National Technical Regulation QCVN 8-1:2011/BYT are all AOAC methods. However, the Ministry of Science and Technology has currently issued 24 Vietnamese Standards (TCVN) on testing methods for mycotoxins (with appendices attached). Referencing and citing TCVNs in QCVN will create more favourable conditions for |

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| | <p>organizations and individuals in assessing the conformity of mycotoxin indicators with current regulations. TCVNs on testing methods for mycotoxins referred to in QCVN need to be assessed and confirmed for the validity of the testing method to be suitable for the equipment and technical capacity of testing laboratories.</p> <p>This regulation applies to a) Organizations and individuals importing, producing and trading food products at risk of mycotoxin contamination; b) Relevant organizations and individuals.</p> |
| 7. | <p>Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.</p> |
| 8. | <p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): CODEX STAN 193-1995</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p> |
| 9. | <p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> |
| 10. | <p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 30 October 2025</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 30 October 2025</p> |
| 11. | <p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p> |
| 12. | <p>Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 7 March 2025</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Viet Nam Food Administration, Ministry of Health 138A Giang Vo, Ba Dinh District, Hanoi, Viet Nam Tel: +(84 4) 3846 4489 +(84 4) 3846 3702 Fax: +(84 4) 3846 3739 E-mail: phongtckn@gmail.com Website: http://www.vfa.gov.vn</p> <p>Viet Nam SPS Notification Authority and Enquiry Point No. 10 Nguyen Cong Hoan Street, Hanoi, Viet Nam Tel: +(84 24) 3734 4764 Fax: +(84 24) 3734 4764 E-mail: spsvietnam@mard.gov.vn Website: http://www.spsvietnam.gov.vn</p> |

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1) Website of the Viet Nam Food Administration

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2) Website of the Ministry of Health

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