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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

- Notifying Member: MALAYSIA
 If applicable, name of local government involved: Malaysia
- 2. Agency responsible: Food Safety and Quality Programme, Ministry of Health Malaysia
- 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): Food products
- 4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
 - [X] All trading partners
 - [] Specific regions or countries:
- **5. Title of the notified document:** Amendment to the Food Regulations 1985 [P.U.(A) 437/1985]. PART IIB. Food Safety Assurance Programme For Imported Food. **Language(s):** . **Number of pages:**
- **6. Description of content:** Insertion of new text in the Food Regulation 1985 that foods to be imported into Malaysia must be manufactured in premises that implement a food safety assurance programme recognized by the Food Safety and Quality Programme, Ministry of Health. This food safety assurance programme may include, but is not limited to, Food Safety Systems Management (FSSM), Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP), or Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP).

This requirement is in line with the Malaysia Food Hygiene Regulations 2009, which stipulate that domestic manufacturers must provide and make available food safety assurance programmes within food premises.

The Food Safety and Quality Programme reserves the right to inspect or audit the premises to ensure compliance with this requirement, either through prior consultation with the competent authorities of the exporting country or foreign food premises.

Importers must provide or maintain documentation verifying that the premises adhere to an acceptable food safety assurance programme. Any non-compliance may result in enforcement actions or rejection of food imports.

- 7. Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests.
- 8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:
 - [X] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): General Principles of Food Hygiene, CXC 1 1969
 - [] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):
 - [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):

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Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[X] Yes [] No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

- 9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Malaysian Food Hygiene Regulation; Regulation 9 (available in the national language and English)
- **10.** Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.

Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.

- 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [X] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):
 - [] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 6 April 2025

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