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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> VIET NAM <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Viet Nam Food Administration, Ministry of Health
<b>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):</b> All kinds of foodstuff
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Draft of the Food Safety Law replacing the Food Safety Law 2010. <b>Language(s):</b> Vietnamese and English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 38 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/VNM/25_04997_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/VNM/25_04997_00_x.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/VNM/25_04997_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/VNM/25_04997_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. This Law provides regulations on:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) The rights and obligations of organizations and individuals in ensuring food quality and safety;</li><li>b) Conditions for ensuring the quality and safety of food, food ingredients, food additives, and food processing aids;</li><li>c) Conditions for business establishments; import and export; testing;</li><li>d) Risk analysis, prevention, control, and remediation of incidents;</li><li>e) Information, education, and communication;</li><li>f) Responsibilities of state management for food safety, food ingredients, food additives, and food processing aids.</li></ol></li><li>2. Structure: The Draft Law consists of 51 Articles divided into 11 Chapters, with the following main contents:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Chapter I. General Provisions (Articles 1 to 6)</li><li>– Chapter II. Rights and Obligations of Organizations and Individuals to Ensure Food Safety Conditions (Articles 7 to 10)</li><li>– Chapter III. Conditions for Ensuring the Safety and Quality of Food and Food Ingredients (Articles 11 to 16)</li><li>– Chapter IV. Conditions for Food and Food Ingredient Business Establishments (Articles 17 to 21)</li><li>– Chapter V. Import and Export of Food and Food Ingredients (Articles 22 to 25)</li><li>– Chapter VI. Advertisement and Labelling of Food, Food Ingredients, Food Additives, and Food Processing Aids (Articles 26 to 27)</li><li>– Chapter VII. Testing of Food, Food Ingredients, Food Additives, and Food Processing Aids (Articles 28 to 30)</li></ul></li></ol>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chapter VIII. Risk Analysis and Management for Food, Food Ingredients, Food Additives, and Food Processing Aids (Articles 31 to 38)</li> <li>- Chapter IX. Information, Education, and Communication on Food (Articles 39 to 43)</li> <li>- Chapter X. State Management of Food Safety (Articles 44 to 49)</li> <li>- Chapter XI. Implementation Provisions (Articles 50 to 51)</li> </ul> <p>3. Key Changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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;</li> <li>- 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;</li> <li>- Add several strictly prohibited practices regarding advertising and conducting business in the e-commerce environment;</li> <li>- Amend and supplement the specific monetary penalties for administrative violations;</li> <li>- Clarify the rights and responsibilities of production and business establishments, and add the rights and responsibilities for entities registered for circulation;</li> <li>- Conditions for ensuring the safety and quality of food and food ingredients;</li> <li>- Conditions for establishments engaged in the business of food and food ingredients;</li> <li>- Conditions for ensuring the safety of imported and exported food and food ingredients;</li> <li>- Advertising and labelling of food;</li> <li>- Testing of food, food ingredients, food additives, and food processing aids;</li> <li>- 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.</li> </ul>
<p><b>7. 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.</b></p>
<p><b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>

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<b>11.</b>	<b>Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 1 July 2026 <b>[ ] Trade facilitating measure</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 28 September 2025 <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b>  Viet Nam Food Administration, Ministry of Health of Viet Nam Lane 135 Nui Truc Street, Ba Dinh Dist, Ha Noi, Viet Nam E-mail: <a href="mailto:phapchehoinhap@gmail.com">phapchehoinhap@gmail.com</a> Fax: +(84 24) 3846 3739  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: <a href="mailto:spsvietnam@mard.gov.vn">spsvietnam@mard.gov.vn</a> Website: <a href="http://www.spsvietnam.gov.vn">http://www.spsvietnam.gov.vn</a>
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