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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>NEPAL</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: The Department of Food Technology and Quality Control, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Nepal
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): Gundruk
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: Proposed standard for Gundruk. Language(s): Nepali. Number of pages: 2 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/NPL/26_00520_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: The Department of Food Technology and Quality Control, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Nepal, has proposed a standard for Gundruk. This quality standard will apply to Gundruk produced for human consumption and prepared for sale and distribution purposes. Gundruk is a traditional indigenous food of Nepal, and the Codex Alimentarius Commission has not yet developed a standard for Gundruk.
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.
8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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:
10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): The proposed date of adoption shall be 181 days following the date of publication in the Nepal Gazette. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): After the approval from the Government of Nepal.
11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 181 days following the date of publication in the Nepal Gazette. [X] Trade facilitating measure
12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 30 March 2026 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: Mr Mohan Krishna Maharjan Senior Food Research Officer National SPS Enquiry Point Department of Food Technology and Quality Control Babarmahal, Kathmandu, Nepal E-mail: info.dftqc@spsenquiry.gov.np mkmaharjan@gmail.com Mr Jiwan Paudel Plant Protection Officer SPS National Notification Authority Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development Singha Durbar, Kathmandu, Nepal Email: internationaltrade.moad@gmail.com
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