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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>NEPAL</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> The Department of Food Technology and Quality Control, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Nepal
3.	<b>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> Gundruk
4.	<b>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:
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Proposed standard for Gundruk. <b>Language(s):</b> Nepali. <b>Number of pages:</b> 2 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/NPL/26_00520_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/NPL/26_00520_00_e.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> 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.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <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.	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <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 <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b>

<b>9.</b>	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> The proposed date of adoption shall be 181 days following the date of publication in the Nepal Gazette.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> After the approval from the Government of Nepal.</p>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 181 days following the date of publication in the Nepal Gazette.</p> <p><b>[X] Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 30 March 2026</p> <p><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></p> <p>Mr Mohan Krishna Maharjan Senior Food Research Officer National SPS Enquiry Point Department of Food Technology and Quality Control Babarmahal, Kathmandu, Nepal E-mail: <a href="mailto:info.dftqc@spsenquiry.gov.np">info.dftqc@spsenquiry.gov.np</a> <a href="mailto:mkmaharjan@gmail.com">mkmaharjan@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Mr Jiwan Paudel Plant Protection Officer SPS National Notification Authority Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development Singha Durbar, Kathmandu, Nepal Email: <a href="mailto:internationaltrade.moad@gmail.com">internationaltrade.moad@gmail.com</a></p>
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