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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. Notifying Member: BANGLADESH If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI)
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): Hard Candy, ICS code: 67.060
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: Bangladesh Standard Draft BDS 490: Specification for Hard Candy (Draft for Fourth Revision). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 7 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/BGD/26_01039_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: This draft standard specifies the essential requirements and methods of test for different types of hard candy i.e. hard-boiled candy and lozenges, that may be filled or unfilled and/or coated or uncoated. It also incorporates the product ingredient lists; guidelines for food additives and food preservatives used for the product; hygienic and legal requirements; and the packaging and marking provisions for the product. Various food safety parameters (e.g. heavy metals and microbiological limit) have been proposed.
7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests. The technical committee has reviewed this standard and decided to revise it to address stakeholder's expectation, ensure market relevance and enhance consumer protection. This draft revised standard provides updated requirements relating to product quality and safety parameters for the product and provides harmonization with current national legislations and relevant international (Codex) standards.
8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: The technical committee has reviewed this standard and decided to revise it to address stakeholder's expectation, ensure market relevance and enhance consumer protection. This draft revised standard provides updated requirements relating to product quality and safety parameters for the product and provides harmonization with current national legislations and relevant international (Codex) standards.
9. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): BDS 490:2014 Lozenges (Third revision)

<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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: BDS 490:2014 Lozenges (Third revision)</p>
<p>10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <p>BDS 490:2014 Lozenges (Third revision) (available in English)</p>
<p>11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable):</p> <p>25 April 2026 - 60 days from the date of notification</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. 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>Mohammad Arafat Hossain Sarker Deputy Director Certification Marks Wing Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI) Maan Bhaban, 116/ka, Tejgoan I/A, Dhaka-1208 Tel: +(880) 2 5503 0113 Mobile: +(880) 17 1502 3589 E-mail: arafat_cm@bsti.gov.bd Website : http://www.bsti.gov.bd</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Mohammad Arafat Hossain Sarker Deputy Director Certification Marks Wing Bangladesh Standards and Testing Institution (BSTI) Maan Bhaban, 116/ka, Tejgoan I/A, Dhaka-1208 Tel: +(880) 2 5503 0113 Mobile: +(880) 17 1502 3589 E-mail: arafat_cm@bsti.gov.bd Website: http://www.bsti.gov.bd</p>