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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>SINGAPORE</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore (AVA)
<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> Food
<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 Food (Amendment) Regulations 2015 <b>Language(s):</b> English <b>Number of pages:</b>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore (AVA) has completed a review of the Food Regulations and proposes the following amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) To include a requirement that products labelled as "organic" (or similar terms) must be certified as organic under an inspection and certification system that complies with the Codex Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods, GL 32-1999; or equivalent;</li><li>b) To allow the use of the sweetening agent Advantame in food under good manufacturing practice;</li><li>c) To include "veterinary drugs" under the definition for "Incidental constituents" (Regulation 29), and to include a definition for "veterinary drugs";</li><li>d) To prohibit the import, sale and advertisement of raw milk for direct human consumption;</li><li>e) To allow the use of Bovine lactoferrin in infant formula, up to a maximum permitted level of 100mg/100ml;</li><li>f) To allow the use of the generic term "Modified Starches", if referring to the following modified starches, for labelling purposes:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Dextrin roasted starch, Acid-treated starch, Alkaline-treated starch, Bleached starch, Oxidised starch, Enzyme-treated starch, Monostarch phosphate, Distarch phosphate, Phosphated distarch phosphate, Acetylated distarch phosphate, Starch acetate, Acetylated distarch adipate, Hydroxypropyl starch, Hydroxypropyl distarch phosphate, Starch sodium octenyl succinate, Acetylated oxidised starch;</li></ul></li><li>g) To make editorial amendments to existing regulations 9, 12, 30(3) and 38, to update the terms used, as well as to spell out the provisions in a clearer format.</li></ul>
<b>7. 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.	<p><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)</b> Codex General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods (CODEX STAN 1-1985), Codex Guidelines For The Production, Processing, Labelling And Marketing Of Organically Produced Foods (GL 32-1999)</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 type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input checked="" 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>
9.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> None</p>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 30 December 2015</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 30 December 2015</p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 30 December 2015</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b> (approval of use of new food additives and ingredients)</p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 26 December 2015</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p>
13.	<p><b>Text(s) available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>The proposed regulations will be made available at the following website:  <a href="http://www.ava.gov.sg/Legislation/ListOfLegislation/">http://www.ava.gov.sg/Legislation/ListOfLegislation/</a>.</p> <p>Alternatively, please write in to:  Regulatory Administration Group  Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority  52 Jurong Gateway Road #14-01  Singapore 608550  Tel: +(65) 6805 2912  Fax: +(65) 6334 1831  E-mail: WTO_Contact@ava.gov.sg  adelene_yap@ava.gov.sg</p>