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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>SRI LANKA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Food Control Administration Unit
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): Food
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: Draft (Food Labelling and Advertising) Regulations 2015 Language(s): English Number of pages: 24 http://www.health.gov.lk/en/FOODWEB/files/regulations.html
6. Description of content: These Draft regulations on Food (Labelling and Advertising) set out several requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Any food contained in a package or container should be labelled in accordance with these regulations otherwise, no person can transport, distribute, store, sell, offer for sale, expose or keep for sale or advertise for sale;- The main panel of the package or container should indicate:<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. The common name in any two of the three languages;b. The brand name or trade name;c. The net contents of the package or container;- Any panel should include in any one or more of the three languages the following information:<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. A complete list of ingredients;b. The name and address of the manufacturer/distributor;c. In the case of imported food products:<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Name and address of the importer;ii. Name and address of the packer or distributor in Sri Lanka;d. The batch number or code number;e. The date of manufacture;f. In the case of food imported in bulk and repacked:<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. The date of manufacture;ii. The date of repacking;g. The country of origin, in the case of imported foods;h. Consumer warnings, if any;- The international symbol for ionizing radiation should be indicated in green, in close proximity to the common name. The label on the food which has been treated with ionizing radiation should also carry a written statement indicating the type of treatment and this statement should be in close proximity to the common name of the food;

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A valid certificate from an accredited agency or competent authority must be produced in order to label food as organic; - Prior written approval from the Chief Food Authority is required in order to have a label or advertisement which contains a health claim or nutrient function claim relating to any food. <p>The regulations also include the following schedules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Schedule I - Regulation 4 (1)(a); - Schedule II - Regulation 5 (c); - Schedule III - Regulation 7 (2); - Schedule IV - Nutrition Labelling; - Schedule V - Nutrient Reference Value (NRV); - Schedule VI - Use of Nutrition and Health claims; - Schedule VI - Conditions for Nutrient Contents; - Schedule VIII - Recommended Dietary Allowances for Sri Lankans (RDA) 2007; - Schedule IX - List of permitted vitamins, minerals, amino acids, nucleotides which may be added to foods.
<p>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.</p>
<p>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text) CAC/GL 1 - 1979, CAC/GL 2 - 1985, CAC/GL23 - 1997</p> <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 16 November 2015</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 16 November 2015</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 16 January 2016</p> <p>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>Director General of Health Services Ministry of Health "Suwasiripaya" No.385, Rev. Baddegama Wimalawansa Thero Mawatha Colombo - 10 Sri Lanka</p>

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