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NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, received on 29 July 2021, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Hong Kong, China.

Amendments to the Harmful Substances in Food Regulations

Hong Kong, China notified in G/SPS/N/HKG/45 dated 11 December 2020 a consultation document on the Proposed Amendments to the Harmful Substances in Food Regulations (Cap. 132AF, Laws of Hong Kong), setting out updated standards for various harmful substances in food. The proposed amendments were incorporated in the Harmful Substances in Food (Amendment) Regulation 2021. To align with the updated standards, the Food and Drugs (Composition and Labelling) (Amendment) Regulation 2021 (Cap. 132W, Laws of Hong Kong) was also made to provide for the marking and labelling requirement for prepackaged foods containing hydrogenated oil. The two Amendment Regulations were gazetted on 11 June 2021 and approved by the Legislative Council on 1 July 2021. This addendum notifies that, upon the end of the grace periods provided for in the Amendment Regulations, the provisions relating to hydrogenated oil and the related marking and labelling requirement will enter into force on 1 December 2023, and the rest will come into operation on 1 June 2023.

This addendum concerns a:

- Modification of final date for comments
- Notification of adoption, publication or entry into force of regulation
- Modification of content and/or scope of previously notified draft regulation
- Withdrawal of proposed regulation
- Change in proposed date of adoption, publication or date of entry into force
- Other:

Comment period: (If the addendum extends the scope of the previously notified measure in terms of products and/or potentially affected Members, a new deadline for receipt of comments should be provided, normally of at least 60 calendar days. Under other circumstances, such as extension of originally announced final date for comments, the comment period provided in the addendum may vary.)

- Sixty days from the date of circulation of the addendum to the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable

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Full text of the Harmful Substances in Food (Amendment) Regulation 2021 can be downloaded from the following websites:

In English

<https://www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/pdf/20212523/es22021252386.pdf>

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