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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>INDIA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
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 products
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: ☒ All trading partners ☐ Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: Draft Food Safety and Standards (Approval for Non-Specified Food and Food Ingredients) Amendment Regulations, 2021. Language(s): English and Hindi. Number of pages: 22
6.	Description of content: These regulations are being notified in order to fast track the scrutiny of applications of non-specified food and food ingredients in a time bound manner. These regulations propose changes in the procedure for grant of prior approval for non-specified food and food ingredients including change in application form for seeking approval for such foods. The Form-I of the said regulations has been revised to enable the applicants to submit the key information viz. the end use, target population intended, and benefits purported to be given by the ingredient at the initial stage.
7.	Objective and rationale: ☒ food safety, ☐ animal health, ☐ plant protection, ☐ protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, ☐ protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: ☐ Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): ☐ World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): ☐ International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ☒ None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? ☐ Yes ☐ No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: F. No. Std/EC/T(NSF-01), https://fssai.gov.in/notifications.php?notification=wto-sps-notification (available in Hindi and English)
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): Yet to be decided. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): Yet to be decided.
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: ☐ Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Yet to be decided. ☐ Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: ☒ Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 19 December 2021 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: ☐ National Notification Authority, ☒ National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Mr. P. Karthikeyan Deputy Director SPS Enquiry Point Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) FDA Bhawan, Kotla Road New Delhi - 110002, India Tel: +(011) 2323 1681 Fax: +(011) 2322 0994 E-mail: spstbt.enqpt@fssai.gov.in Website: http://www.fssai.gov.in/
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