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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Original: English

**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>TONGA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, Food Unit
<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> All food and food products
<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> Food Regulations 2021 and Food Standards Code 2021. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 65 and 107 respectively <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/TON/22_2032_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/TON/22_2032_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/TON/22_2032_01_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/TON/22_2032_01_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The Food regulations provide details applicable to food imported into, produced, and processed in Tonga for domestic consumption or re-export/re-export, while the Food Standards Code provides details on the standards prescribed in the schedules which apply to all food which is commercially sold in Tonga.
<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.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/TON/22_2032_02_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/TON/22_2032_02_e.pdf</a> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b> <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b>
<b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>

<b>10.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> Transition period of six months from the day the regulation is approved by Cabinet. <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> One month from Cabinet approval. Publication should be made available in English and Tongan.
<b>11.</b>	<b>Proposed date of entry into force: [X] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> <b>[ ] Trade facilitating measure</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 16 May 2022 <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [ ] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b>
<b>13.</b>	<b>Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [ ] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b>