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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>SINGAPORE</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Singapore Food Agency (SFA)
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 (Amendment No. Y) Regulations 2022. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 69
6. Description of content: SFA proposes the following amendments to the Food Regulations: a) To specify maximum residue limits (MRLs) for residues of veterinary drugs in food; b) To amend the definition of "veterinary drugs" in the Food Regulations to be in line with the definition used by the Codex Alimentarius Commission; c) To adopt the term "antimicrobial agent" and the accompanying definition (which is consistent with the definition used by the Codex Alimentarius Commission) in place of the current term "antibiotic" and its definition in the Food Regulations.
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.
8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): Codex Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) and Risk Management Recommendations (RMRs) for Residues of Veterinary Drugs in Foods (CX/MRL 2-2018); Codex Procedural Manual (27 th Edition, 2019) for definition of "veterinary drug"; Codex Code of Practice to Minimize and Contain Foodborne Antimicrobial Resistance (CXC 61-2005 Rev. 2021) for definition of "antimicrobial agent" <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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:
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 1 st quarter of 2023 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 1 st quarter of 2023
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Same day as the adoption of the measure. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 19 February 2023 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:
13.	Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: The public consultation document and proposed regulations will be made available at the following website: https://www.sfa.gov.sg/food-information/public-consultation (Click on "Draft Food (Amendment No. Y) Regulations 2022 (Veterinary drug residues)" and "Consultation on Draft Food (Amendment No. Y) Regulations 2022 (Veterinary drug residues)"). Alternatively, please write in to: Regulatory Standards and Veterinary Office Singapore Food Agency 52 Jurong Gateway Road #14-01 Singapore 608550 Tel: +(65) 6805 2912 Fax: +(65) 6334 1831 E-mail: WTO_Contact@sfa.gov.sg mohd_naim_mohd_ayob@sfa.gov.sg