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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>BANGLADESH</u>

If applicable, name of local government involved:

- 2. Agency responsible: Bangladesh Food Safety Authority
- 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:
 - [X] All trading partners
 - [] Specific regions or countries:
- 5. Title of the notified document: Draft Food Safety (Health Food/Dietary Supplements, Food for Special Dietary Use, Food for Special Medical Purpose, Prebiotic and Probiotic Food) Regulation, 2023. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 64

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- **6. Description of content:** In accordance with the Food Safety Act 2013 (Act No. 43 of 2013), sections 13(2C), 31 and 87, the draft regulation is about food, specially processed or formulated for specific nutritional or dietary purposes rather than normal consumption. This regulation is developed bearing in mind the overall need for such standards for the broader categories based on Bangladesh's needs and in line with Codex Guidelines on "Guidelines for use of Nutrition and Health claims". Existing domestic regulations, international standards, and best practices have been reviewed meticulously. In this regulation, the name of the foods is categorized as Health Food/Food or Dietary supplements, Food for Special Dietary Uses (FSDU), Food for Special Medical Purposes (FSMP), Prebiotic and Probiotic Foods. There are different types of approved ingredients as applicable to different categories of foods as specified through Schedule I, II, and III. In Schedule IV there are different types of approved prebiotics ingredients. Schedule V deals with additives and their maximum allowable limit.
- 7. Objective and rationale: [X] 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:
 - [X] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): Codex Guidelines entitled "Guidelines for use of Nutrition and Health claims" CAC/GL 23-1997
 - [] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (*e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number*):
 - [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):

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[] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[X] 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:
- **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)*: They shall come into force after six months from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
 - [] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): 23 October 2023

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