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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): Non-ready-to-eat (RTE) meat and meat products: 02011000, 02012000, 02013000, 02021000, 02022000, 02023000, 02031100, 02031200, 02031900, 02032100, 02032200, 02032900, 02041000, 02042100, 02042200, 02042300, 02043000, 02044100, 02044200, 02044300, 02045000, 02050000, 02061000, 02062100, 02062200, 02062900, 02063000, 02064100, 02064900, 02068000, 02069000, 02071100, 02071200, 02071300, 02071410, 02071420, 02071430, 02071499, 02072400, 02072500, 02072600, 02072710, 02072799, 02074100, 02074200, 02074300, 02074400, 02074500, 02075100, 02075200, 02075300, 02075400, 02075500, 02076000, 02081000, 02085000, 02089010, 02089090, 02091000, 02099000, 02101100, 02101200, 02101930, 02101990, 02102000, 02109300, 02109910, 02109990, 05040000, 15011000, 15019000, 15021000, 15029010, 16010010, 16010090, 16022000, 16023110, 16023199, 16023290, 16023900, 16024110, 16024190, 16024210, 16024290, 16024991, 16024999, 16025000, 16029090; Non-RTE eggs and egg products: 04072100, 04072910, 04072990, 04079010, 04079020, 04079090, 04081100, 04081900, 04089100, 04089900, 21069099, 35021100, 35021900; Non-RTE oysters and blood-cockles: 03071110, 03071120, 03071200, 03077110, 03077120, 03077200
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 2023. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 6
6. Description of content: The Singapore Food Agency (SFA) has conducted a review of the Food Regulations and proposes to include new microbiological standards for non-ready-to-eat (RTE) food in a new Part 3 of the Eleventh Schedule. "Non-ready-to-eat food" means any food which is not defined as "ready-to-eat food" ^[1] under the Food Regulations. ^[1] Ready-to-eat food", as defined under Regulation 35(2) of the Food Regulations, : 1. means any article of food that is made available for sale for direct human consumption without the need for cooking or any other form of processing to eliminate, or reduce to a microbiological standard specified in the Eleventh Schedule, any pathogenic or other micro-organism of concern in the article of food; and 2. includes cup noodles, fruit juice cordial, squash or syrup, powdered beverages and other concentrated food which are meant to be reconstituted or diluted with fluids before consumption.

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.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 2nd quarter of 2023</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 2nd quarter of 2023</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 18 April 2023</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>The public consultation document and draft 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 2023 (Non-RTE Micro Standards)" and "Consultation on Draft Food (Amendment No. Y) Regulations 2023 (Non-RTE Micro Standards)").</p> <p>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 adeline_yong@sfa.gov.sg</p>