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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>SINGAPORE</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Singapore Food Agency (SFA)
<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> Food
<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> Draft Food (Amendment) Regulations 2024. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 3
<b>6. Description of content:</b> SFA has completed a review of the Food Regulations and proposes the following trade facilitating amendments: a. Changes to permitted forms of steviol glycosides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To replace the permitted forms of steviol glycosides listed in Regulation 18(1) with the four types of steviol glycosides produced by different production methods to align with Codex;</li><li>To allow the use of enzymatically produced steviol glycosides produced using the enzyme uridine triphosphate (UTP)-glucose-1-phosphate uridylyltransferase (EC 2.7.7.9) from the source organism <i>Bifidobacterium bifidum</i>;</li></ul> b. Changes to use of permitted food additives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To extend the use of L-theanine, a permitted flavour enhancer listed in Regulation 23(2), to salt substitutes, up to a maximum level of 15,000 ppm;</li><li>To extend the use of sucralose, a permitted sweetening agent, to "soybean-based beverages" listed in Thirteenth Schedule, up to a maximum level of 400 ppm;</li></ul> c. Changes to permitted ingredients in infant formula: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To allow the addition of new ingredients to infant formula (Regulation 252(6)), namely sodium salt of 3'-sialyllactose (3'-SL), sodium salt of 6'-sialyllactose (6'-SL) and 3-fucosyllactose (3-FL), up to specific maximum levels;</li><li>To increase the maximum levels of 2'-fucosyllactose (2'-FL) and Lactose-N-tetraose (LNT) allowed in infant formula (Regulation 252(6)).</li></ul>
<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> Class Names and the International Numbering System for Food Additives (CXG 36-1989)

<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2024.  <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2024.</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> Same day as the adoption of the measure.  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 31 March 2024  <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>The draft regulations and public consultation document will be made available on 31 January 2024 at the following website: <a href="https://www.sfa.gov.sg/food-information/public-consultation">https://www.sfa.gov.sg/food-information/public-consultation</a>  <i>(Click on "Draft Food (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (Food additives and ingredients)" and "Consultation on Draft Food (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (Food additives and ingredients)"</i>)</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: <a href="mailto:WTO_Contact@sfa.gov.sg">WTO_Contact@sfa.gov.sg</a>  <a href="mailto:toh_kian_han@sfa.gov.sg">toh_kian_han@sfa.gov.sg</a></p>