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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: VIET NAM If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Viet Nam Food Administration, Ministry of Health
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): Supplemented food, food additives, food storages, materials contact with 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 Circular of amending, supplementing and repealing a number of legal documents on food safety issued by the Minister of Health. Language(s): Vietnamese. Number of pages: 45 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/VNM/24_02158_00_x.pdf
6. Description of content: The draft Circular promulgates a list of foods, food additives, tools, packaging materials, and food containers that have been identified with commodity codes according to Viet Nam's list of exported and imported goods for national inspection purposes on food safety for imported foods. This draft Circular replaces Circular 28/2021/TT-BYT dated 20 December 2021. This draft Circular is linked to the Food Safety Law of Viet Nam, which all imported food products must be inspected at the border. This draft Circular provides a detailed list of food products under the responsibilities of the Ministry of Health of Viet Nam, which must be inspected at the border. Other ministries involved in food safety control in Viet Nam will issue their regulations following the same format.
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 type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> None

<p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <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.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circular 28/2021/TT-BYT dated 20 December 2021 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/VNM/24_02158_01_x.pdf • Food Safety Law https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/VNM/24_02158_02_x.pdf (available in Viet Nam)
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 1 June 2024 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 1 June 2024</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 15 August 2024 <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): 20 May 2024</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" 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>Viet Nam Food Administration, Ministry of Health of Viet Nam Lane 135 Nui Truc Street, Ba Dinh Dist, Ha Noi, Viet Nam E-mail: phapchehoinhap@gmail.com Fax: +(84 24) 3846 3739</p> <p>or</p> <p>Viet Nam SPS Notification Authority and Enquiry Point No. 10 Nguyen Cong Hoan Street, Hanoi, Viet Nam Tel: +(84 24) 3734 4764 Fax: +(84 24) 3734 4764 E-mail: spsvietnam@mard.gov.vn Website: http://www.spsvietnam.gov.vn</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>http://www.spsvietnam.gov.vn/en/notification-of-viet-nam</p>