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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 sample collection
- 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 (Sample Collection, Testing, and Analysis) Regulations, 2023. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 18

https://bfsa.portal.gov.bd/site/page/5c9a762e-a153-4c05-86f9-1f1bd84ed38a https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/BGD/24_02503_00_e.pdf

- 6. Description of content: The draft Food Safety (Sample Collection, Testing, and Analysis) Regulations, 2023 describes a set of rules and guidelines emphasizing the protection of public health and ensuring the safety and quality of food products through systematic and standardized processes for sample collection, testing, and analysis. The scope of the regulations are specifying the types of food products, establishments, and processes covered by the sample collection, testing, and analysis requirements. According to the Food Safety Act, 2013 Food Analyst is responsible to conduct the collection, testing and analysis of food samples. The responsibilities of food analysts and communications among the food analyst, sample collector and laboratories are clearly described in the regulations. The procedures of sample collection and issuance of certificate of tested parameters of certain foods are indicated explicitly as well.
- 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:
 - [] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):
 - [] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):
 - [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):
 - [X] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

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[]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*): 8 June 2024

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:

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