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| 1. Notifying Member: <u>SEYCHELLES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved: |
| 2. Agency responsible: Seychelles Public Health 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): All processed food imported into or exported out of Seychelles for sale; with the exemption of the import and export of food products of plant and animal origin that is provided for under the Animal and Plant Biosecurity Act, 2014; and export of fishery products that is provided for under the Export of Fishery Products Act, 1996. |
| 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 Act (Import and Export of Foods) Regulations, 2023. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 17 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/SPS/SYC/24_02620_00_e.pdf |
| 6. Description of content: The Food Act 2014 refers to general provisions for the protection of foods from contamination, adulteration, and deception and prevents the sale of food that is injurious to health. However, the Act, on its own, does not provide the Authority with a clear direction on how to mitigate food safety risks associated with imported and exported foods. Hence, the need for a regulation on the importation and exportation of food, with the intention of addressing the existing gaps and weaknesses to augment public health protection and improve fair trade. |
| 7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety , <input type="checkbox"/> animal health , <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection , <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): The Draft Regulations is a Sub-Regulation under the Food Act 2014. Section 38 (2) of The Food Act, 2014 requires that in making regulations under subsection (1) of the Food Act, 2014, account shall be taken of the Codex Alimentarius and the World Trade Organization Agreement on the application of SPS measures. <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): |

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| <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p> |
| <p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> |
| <p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.</p> |
| <p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): The Regulations will enter into force on such date as the Minister of Health may, by notice in the Gazette, appoint.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p> |
| <p>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 17 June 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>1. Trade Division Trade Department Ministry of Finance, National Planning and Trade 2nd Floor, Maison Esplanade, Victoria, P.O. Box 313 Republic of Seychelles Tel: (+248) 4-382-145 E-mail: vbrutus@finance.gov.sc</p> <p>2. Public Health Authority Ministry of Health, Seychelles Hospital P.O. Box 52, Victoria Tel: +(248) 4 388 195 +(248) 4 388 145 E-mail: naomi.laurence@health.gov.sc</p> |
| <p>13. Text(s) available from: <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>Public Health Authority Ministry of Health, Seychelles Hospital P.O. Box 52, Victoria Tel: +(248) 4 388 195 +(248) 4 388 145 E-mail: naomi.laurence@health.gov.sc</p> |