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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

- 1. Notifying Member: <u>CAMBODIA</u>
 - If applicable, name of local government involved:
- **2. Agency responsible:** Ministry of Commerce
- 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 and drinks
- 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: Law on Food Safety. Language(s): Khmer and English. Number of pages: 16 (including annex)

https://www.ccfdg.gov.kh/laws-regulations/laws/ (Khmer version)
https://www.ccfdg.gov.kh/en/pdf-view/?filename=https://www.ccfdg.gov.kh/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Law-on-Food-Safety-English 08-06-22-.pdf (English version)

Description of content: The Law on Food Safety promulgated on 8 June 2022 comprises 43 articles and 35 definitions, divided into 11 chapters. It aims to regulate frameworks and mechanisms for managing and ensuring safety, quality, hygiene and compliance of food in all stages of the food production chain in order to provide protection of health and safe food for consumers and ensuring fair practices in food trade.

According to Article 5 of the Law on Food Safety, ministries or institutions involved in food safety and quality have authority to prepare technical regulations where applicable based on national or international food standards, codes of practices and guidelines.

The Law on Food Safety gives mandate to the following ministries as competent institutions to govern food safety control throughout the food chain. These include Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Tourism and Ministry of Economy and Finance.

The food safety measures (requirements) as defined in Article 6, shall be based on key principles including food shall be safe, of good quality, hygienic and suitable for human consumption and food control shall be based on food safety measures or technical regulations as defined in Article 7.

Food business operators, at every stage of the food chain, have the primary role and responsibility for ensuring the safety of their food products and shall collaborate with relevant competent authorities for implementation of food safety measures to avoid or mitigate risks posed by products (Article 11).

According to this Law (Articles 13-15) the food business operators have been grouped into three categories based on the nature of their business for example big, medium or small enterprise.

The punishment is app	olied to food business	operators, who fail	to implements	provisions as
stipulated by this law ((Articles 33-40).			

- 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:
 - [X] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): Cambodia has adopted more than 300 Codex Texts as National Standards and some of codex standards are adopted as technical regulations. These technical regulations are:
 - CXS1-1985: General Standard for labelling of Pre-packaged Food.
 - CXS192-1995: General Standards for Food Additives
 - CXS-193-1995: General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed
 - [] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):
 - [] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):
 - [] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

[X] 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): 8 June 2022

Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 8 June 2022

- 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 8 June 2022
 - [X] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments: [] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not applicable

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

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