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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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## NOTIFICATION

### *Addendum*

The following communication, dated 26 January 2023, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Philippines.

**Title:** Updated Guidelines for the Assessment of Microbiological Quality of Processed Food Products Repealing FDA Circular No 2013-010 "Revised Guidelines for the Assessment of Microbiological Quality of Processed Foods"

Reason for Addendum:	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Notified measure adopted - date:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Notified measure published - date: 21 December 2022
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Notified measure enters into force - date: This Circular shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation and upon filing with the University of the Philippines Law Center Office of the National Administrative Register.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Text of final measure available from <sup>1</sup> : <a href="https://www.fda.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/FDA-Circular-No.2022-12-1.pdf">https://www.fda.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/FDA-Circular-No.2022-12-1.pdf</a>
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**Description:** This Circular was issued to make it relevant with innovations in food processing by adding new food categories and repealing FDA Circular No. 2013-010. This aims to revise and update the guidance document in the assessment of the microbiological quality of prepackaged processed food products. Likewise, this also aims to align the guidelines on the microbiological requirements and assessment of processed food products with local and international standards.

<sup>1</sup> This information can be provided by including a website address, a pdf attachment, or other information on where the text of the final/modified measure and/or interpretive guidance can be obtained.