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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>SINGAPORE</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Singapore Food Agency (SFA)
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
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 (Amendment) Regulations 2024. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 3
6. Description of content: SFA has completed a review of the Food Regulations and proposes the following trade facilitating amendments: a. Changes to permitted forms of steviol glycosides: <ul style="list-style-type: none">To replace the permitted forms of steviol glycosides listed in Regulation 18(1) with the four types of steviol glycosides produced by different production methods to align with Codex;To allow the use of enzymatically produced steviol glycosides produced using the enzyme uridine triphosphate (UTP)-glucose-1-phosphate uridylyltransferase (EC 2.7.7.9) from the source organism <i>Bifidobacterium bifidum</i>; b. Changes to use of permitted food additives: <ul style="list-style-type: none">To extend the use of L-theanine, a permitted flavour enhancer listed in Regulation 23(2), to salt substitutes, up to a maximum level of 15,000 ppm;To extend the use of sucralose, a permitted sweetening agent, to "soybean-based beverages" listed in Thirteenth Schedule, up to a maximum level of 400 ppm; c. Changes to permitted ingredients in infant formula: <ul style="list-style-type: none">To allow the addition of new ingredients to infant formula (Regulation 252(6)), namely sodium salt of 3'-sialyllactose (3'-SL), sodium salt of 6'-sialyllactose (6'-SL) and 3-fucosyllactose (3-FL), up to specific maximum levels;To increase the maximum levels of 2'-fucosyllactose (2'-FL) and Lactose-N-tetraose (LNT) allowed in infant formula (Regulation 252(6)).
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.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): Class Names and the International Numbering System for Food Additives (CXG 36-1989)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <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>
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 2nd quarter of 2024.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 2nd quarter of 2024.</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Same day as the adoption of the measure.</p> <p><input checked="" 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): 31 March 2024</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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>
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>The draft regulations and public consultation document will be made available on 31 January 2024 at the following website: https://www.sfa.gov.sg/food-information/public-consultation (Click on "Draft Food (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (Food additives and ingredients)" and "Consultation on Draft Food (Amendment) Regulations 2024 (Food additives and ingredients)")</p> <p>Alternatively, please write in to: Regulatory Standards and Veterinary Office Singapore Food Agency 52 Jurong Gateway Road #14-01 Singapore 608550 Tel: +(65) 6805 2912 Fax: +(65) 6334 1831 E-mail: WTO_Contact@sfa.gov.sg toh_kian_han@sfa.gov.sg</p>