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Report Highlights:

On October 18, 2012, the Indonesian House of the Representatives passed a new Food Law, which replaces Food Law No. 7/1996.

General Information:

On October 18, 2012 the Indonesian House of the representatives (DPR) plenary session has passed a new Food Law. This Law shall come into effect on its legislated date.

The new law essentially provides a platform for the Government of Indonesia (GOI) to institutionalize self-sufficiency in food production and “food sovereignty” as overarching food security policies.

According to the GOI, the new Food Law is intended to provide a legal basis to regulate the following activities: (1) food planning; (2) food availability; (3) food affordability; (4) nutrition and consumption; (5) food safety; (6) food labeling and advertising; (10) food institution; (11) public participation; and (12) enforcement. Implementing regulations will be issued in accordance with these requirements.

Although the current draft of the Food Law has been signed by DPR officials and is technically a law, the President has until November 16 to sign the law or return it to the DPR for any changes. If the President does not act by this date, the law becomes automatically enacted by November 16, 2012. An unofficial translation of the new Food Law can be viewed at the following [link](#).