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Report Highlights:

On August 3, 2026, Vietnam's Food Administration, under the Ministry of Health (MOH), submitted notification G/SPS/N/VNM/187 to the World Trade Organization's Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Committee, announcing a Draft Replacement to the Food Safety Law of 2010. The comment period for this draft closes August 17, 2026. The draft is scheduled for submission to the National Assembly for approval in October 2026, with entry into force set for January 1, 2027. Original GAIN report published August 5. Corrected and republished for updated comment period closing August 17, 2026.

Background

Vietnam initiated efforts to amend the 2010 Food Safety Law (FSL) in 2025, submitting its first notification to the WTO as G/SPS/N/VNM/171. Calls for a more comprehensive amendment intensified, however, after the Government of Vietnam (GVN) suspended Decree 46, causing significant disruption to trade ([VM2026-0011](#)).

Accordingly, the MOH has been requested to submit its draft to the GVN by August 2026, with the full FSL replacement package scheduled for submission to the National Assembly for approval in October 2026. The MOH has further indicated that a draft Government Decree, providing additional guidance on the implementation of the FSL, will be published for public consultation prior to the submission to the National Assembly.

Food Safety Law Overview

The draft Food Safety Law establishes the principles and policies governing food safety management in Vietnam. It addresses the food safety information system, prohibited acts, the rights and responsibilities of organizations and individuals, food safety education and communication, conditions for food business establishments, requirements for imported and exported food, food advertising and labeling, food testing and risk analysis, and the state management of food safety.

The draft comprises 71 Articles organized into 8 Chapters, covering:

- General provisions;
- Rights and responsibilities of food business establishments;
- Information, education, and communication;
- Food safety conditions, including import/export safety and advertising/labeling; conditions for food business establishments;
- Food testing, risk analysis, and incident prevention and remediation;
- State management;
- Implementation provisions.

Key Revisions

- Updated terms and definitions;
- New provisions clarifying the law's application relative to specialized laws;

- Establishment of unified food safety management principles across the food chain, including the designation of the MOH as the focal-point authority for state management and the creation of a unified national food safety database;
- Additional prohibited acts related to food advertising; and
- Clarified rights and responsibilities for food business establishments.

The draft also revises testing and technical regulation requirements to align with the Law on Product and Goods Quality. Additional amendments strengthen traceability requirements for all food products on the market and introduce an implementation roadmap for a fully interconnected, nationally linked food safety information system.

The comment period for this draft closes August 17, 2026. FAS Vietnam will continue to monitor and report on developments related to this draft Food Safety Law.

Attachments:

[Draft replacement of the Food Safety Law.pdf](#)

[VNMSPS187.pdf](#)