NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** VIET NAM**If applicable, name of local government involved:**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Viet Nam Food Administration, Ministry of Health |
| **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):** Allkinds of foodstuff |
| **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:** Draft of the Food Safety Law replacing the Food Safety Law2010. **Language(s):** Vietnamese and English. **Number of pages:** 38<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/VNM/25_04997_00_x.pdf><https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2025/SPS/VNM/25_04997_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** 1. This Law provides regulations on:
2. The rights and obligations of organizations and individuals in ensuring food quality and safety;
3. Conditions for ensuring the quality and safety of food, food ingredients, food additives, and food processing aids;
4. Conditions for business establishments; import and export; testing;
5. Risk analysis, prevention, control, and remediation of incidents;
6. Information, education, and communication;
7. Responsibilities of state management for food safety, food ingredients, food additives, and food processing aids.
8. Structure:

The Draft Law consists of 51 Articles divided into 11 Chapters, with the following main contents:* Chapter I. General Provisions (Articles 1 to 6)
* Chapter II. Rights and Obligations of Organizations and Individuals to Ensure Food Safety Conditions (Articles 7 to 10)
* Chapter III. Conditions for Ensuring the Safety and Quality of Food and Food Ingredients (Articles 11 to 16)
* Chapter IV. Conditions for Food and Food Ingredient Business Establishments (Articles 17 to 21)
* Chapter V. Import and Export of Food and Food Ingredients (Articles 22 to 25)
* Chapter VI. Advertisement and Labelling of Food, Food Ingredients, Food Additives, and Food Processing Aids (Articles 26 to 27)
* Chapter VII. Testing of Food, Food Ingredients, Food Additives, and Food Processing Aids (Articles 28 to 30)
* Chapter VIII. Risk Analysis and Management for Food, Food Ingredients, Food Additives, and Food Processing Aids (Articles 31 to 38)
* Chapter IX. Information, Education, and Communication on Food (Articles 39 to 43)
* Chapter X. State Management of Food Safety (Articles 44 to 49)
* Chapter XI. Implementation Provisions (Articles 50 to 51)
1. Key Changes:
* Amend and supplement certain terminologies: health-protective food, medical nutrition food, food for special dietary purposes, food supplements, micronutrient-enhanced food, small-scale food business establishments, food ingredients, semi-finished food products, counterfeit food, testing, and trials;
* Amend and supplement certain policies in line with practical realities: establish a national food database interconnected with the national and specialized databases; develop a food information system; and strengthen the management of e-commerce, traceability, and food control;
* Add several strictly prohibited practices regarding advertising and conducting business in the e-commerce environment;
* Amend and supplement the specific monetary penalties for administrative violations;
* Clarify the rights and responsibilities of production and business establishments, and add the rights and responsibilities for entities registered for circulation;
* Conditions for ensuring the safety and quality of food and food ingredients;
* Conditions for establishments engaged in the business of food and food ingredients;
* Conditions for ensuring the safety of imported and exported food and food ingredients;
* Advertising and labelling of food;
* Testing of food, food ingredients, food additives, and food processing aids;
* State management of food: establish and amend the responsibilities for food safety inspections in accordance with the framework law; specifically define the responsibilities of the ministries; remove provisions regarding the powers and duties of food regulatory bodies and assign the government to stipulate the specific responsibilities of food safety management agencies; clearly define the tasks and powers of inspection teams and add provisions on the principles, forms, and timeframes of food quality and safety inspections; and add provisions on handling overlaps in food quality and safety inspections.
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| **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:****[ ] Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:** **[ ] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:** **[ ] International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:** **[X] None****Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?** **[ ] 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)*:** 31 October 2025**Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 31 October 2025 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 1 July 2026**[ ] Trade facilitating measure**  |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 28 September 2025**Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:** Viet Nam Food Administration, Ministry of Health of Viet NamLane 135 Nui Truc Street, Ba Dinh Dist, Ha Noi, Viet NamE-mail: phapchehoinhap@gmail.comFax: +(84 24) 3846 3739Viet Nam SPS Notification Authority and Enquiry PointNo. 10 Nguyen Cong Hoan Street, Hanoi, Viet NamTel: +(84 24) 3734 4764Fax: +(84 24) 3734 4764E-mail: spsvietnam@mard.gov.vnWebsite: <http://www.spsvietnam.gov.vn> |
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