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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. |
| **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 Nam  Lane 135 Nui Truc Street, Ba Dinh Dist, Ha Noi, Viet Nam  E-mail: [phapchehoinhap@gmail.com](mailto:phapchehoinhap@gmail.com)  Fax: +(84 24) 3846 3739  Viet Nam SPS Notification Authority and Enquiry Point  No. 10 Nguyen Cong Hoan Street, Hanoi, Viet Nam  Tel: +(84 24) 3734 4764  Fax: +(84 24) 3734 4764  E-mail: [spsvietnam@mard.gov.vn](mailto:spsvietnam@mard.gov.vn)  Website: <http://www.spsvietnam.gov.vn> |
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