NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** NEPAL  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Department of Food Technology and Quality Control, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Nepal |
| **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):** All food products |
| **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:** Proposed prohibition on use of inked paper.**Language(s):** Nepali. **Number of pages:** 1  [https://spsenquiry.gov.np/?p=349](https://spsenquiry.gov.np/?p=349" \t "_blank)  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/NPL/23_10330_00_x.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Department of Food Technology and Quality Control, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Nepal has proposed the prohibition of use of inked paper as direct food contact materials in order to protect the health of consumers by controlling the quality and safety of the food products and facilitating fair trade. |
| **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)*:** After publication in Nepal Gazette.  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** After approval from Cabinet of Minister of Nepal. |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [****]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** After publication in Nepal Gazette.  **[****X]** **Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 18 August 2023  **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:**  Mr. Mohan Krishna Maharjan  Senior Food Research Officer  SPS Enquiry Point  Department of Food Technology and Quality Control  Kathmandu, Nepal  E-mail: [info.dftqc@spsenquiry.gov.np](mailto:info.dftqc@spsenquiry.gov.np)  [mkmaharjan@gmail.com](mailto:mkmaharjan@gmail.com)  Ms. Radha Devi Sharma  Food Research Officer  National SPS Notification Authority  Ministry Of Agriculture and Livestock Development  E-mail: [internationaltrade.moad@gmail.com](mailto:internationaltrade.moad@gmail.com)  [sharmadradha@gmail.com](mailto:sharmadradha@gmail.com) |
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