NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** NEPAL  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Government of 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):** 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:** Food Safety and Quality Act, 2081. **Language(s):** Nepali. **Number of pages:** 51 |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Federal Parliament of Nepal has enacted and the Government of Nepal has approved the Food Safety and Quality Act, 2081 in order to protect the human health and welfare of customers from food products. |
| **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)*:** The Food Safety and Quality Act, 2081 has been approved on 5 May 2024.  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** The Food Safety and Quality Act, 2081 has been approved, published in Nepal Gazette on 5 May 2024. |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 3 August 2024  **[X] Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Not applicable  **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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