NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Philippines  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Food and Drug Administration |
| **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):** Salabat or Instant Ginger Drink |
| **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:** Standards of Quality for the Processing Packaging and Labelling of Salabat or Instant Ginger Drink (draft).**Language(s):** English . **Number of pages:** 16  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/PHL/20_1259_00_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The draft standard targets to ensure high level of food safety and to promote fair trade. The Order is promulagated to serve as a guide for manufacturers, traders, importers/distributors of Salabat or Instant Ginger Drink. The following provisions of the draft Administrative Order are relevant to food safety: VI.2. Food Additives; VI.3. Quality and Safety Criteria; VI.3.2 Microbiological Properties; VI.4. Defects; VI.6 Contaminants; VI.7. Hygiene; VI.9.2. Recommended Methods of Analysis. |
| **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:**  **[****X]** **Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:** Codex General Standard for Food Additives (GSFA) Codex Stan 192-1995; 2013 Revision; Codex Stan 193-1995;  **[ ]****World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[ ]****International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**  **[ ]****None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[****X]** **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)*:** To be determined.  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [****X]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** To be determined.  **[****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)*:** 19 April 2020  **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:**  Office of the Director  Policy Research Service  Department of Agriculture  Elliptical Road, Diliman  Quezon City  Tel: +(632) 926 7439  Fax: +(632) 928 0590  E-mail: spspilipinas@gmail.com  Website: <http://spsissuances.da.gov.ph/> |
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