NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Singapore**If applicable, name of local government involved:**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore (AVA) |
| **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 |
| **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 Food (Amendment) Regulations 2018. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 3 |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore (AVA) has completed a review of the Food Regulations and proposes the following amendments:1. To allow the use of the following new food additives and ingredients:
2. Partially hydrolysed lecithin (INS 322(ii)) and amidated pectin (INS 440) as permitted emulsifiers in food under good manufacturing practice;
3. Calcium L-methylfolate, phylloquinone and menanquinone-7 for use in food as a source of folate, Vitamin K1 and Vitamin K2 respectively; and
4. 2'-fucosyllactose (2'-FL) and Lacto-N-neotetraose (LNnT), for use in infant formula at levels up to 120mg and 60mg respectively per 100ml;
5. To extend the use of the following existing food additives to additional food categories:
6. Benzoic acid (and its sodium and potassium salts) (INS 210 – 212) and sorbic acid (and its sodium, potassium and calcium salts) (INS 200 – 203) for use in the food category "Semi-preserved caviar and other fish roe products" at levels up to 2,000ppm and 1,000ppm, calculated as benzoic acid and sorbic acid respectively;
7. The following sodium, calcium and potassium salts of phosphoric acid as permitted emulsifiers and/or stabilisers:

INS No. Additive339(i) Sodium dihydrogen phosphate339(ii) Disodium hydrogen phosphate339(iii) Trisodium phosphate340(i) Potassium dihydrogen phosphate340(ii) Dipotassium hydrogen phosphate340(iii) Tripotassium phosphate341(iii) Tricalcium phosphate450(i) Disodium diphosphate450(ii) Trisodium diphosphate450(iii) Tetrasodium diphosphate450(v) Tetrapotassium diphosphate450(vi) Dicalcium diphosphate450(vii) Calcium dihydrogen diphosphate451(i) Pentasodium triphosphate451(ii) Pentapotassium triphosphate452(i) Sodium polyphosphate452(ii) Potassium polyphosphate452(iv) Calcium polyphosphate1. Sucralose (INS 955) for use in in the food category "cheese-based preparations" at levels up to 500ppm;
2. To delete provisions for the use of propyl para-hydroxybenzoate (INS 216) and sodium propyl para-hydroxybenzoate (INS 217) in food;
3. To delete the maximum residue limits (MRLs) for six legacy pesticides (Aldrin, DDT, Dieldrin, Endrin, Heptachlor and Lindane); by default, the extraneous maximum residue limits (EMRLs) established by the Codex Alimentarius Commission will apply.
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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:****[****X] Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:**Codex General Standard For Food Additives (CODEX STAN 192-1995); Codex Pesticide Residues in Food Online Database (http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/standards/pestres/en/)**[ ]** **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)*:** March 2018**Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** March 2018 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** March 2018; the food industry will be given a 12-month grace period to phase out the use of propyl para-hydroxybenzoate (INS 216) and sodium propyl para‑hydroxybenzoate (INS 217) in food.**[****X] Trade facilitating measure** (approval of use of food additives and ingredients) |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 5 March 2018**Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [ ]****National Notification Authority, [****X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e‑mail address (if available) of other body:**  |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [ ]****National Notification Authority, [****X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e‑mail address (if available) of other body:** The proposed regulations will be made available at the following website: <http://www.ava.gov.sg/legislation> *(select "Sale of Food Act", then click on "Draft Food (Amendment) Regulations 2018")*Alternatively, please write in to:Regulatory Administration GroupAgri-Food and Veterinary Authority52 Jurong Gateway Road #14-01Singapore 608550Tel: +(65) 6805 2912Fax: +(65) 6334 1831E-mail: WTO\_Contact@ava.gov.sg adelene\_yap@ava.gov.sg |