NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Tonga  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, Food Unit |
| **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 and 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 Regulations 2021 and Food Standards Code 2021.**Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 65 and 107 respectively  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/TON/22_2032_00_e.pdf>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/TON/22_2032_01_e.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Food regulations provide details applicable to food imported into, produced, and processed in Tonga for domestic consumption or re-export/re-export, while the Food Standards Code provides details on the standards prescribed in the schedules which apply to all food which is commercially sold in Tonga. |
| **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)*:**  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/TON/22_2032_02_e.pdf>  **[ ]****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)*:** Transition period of six months from the day the regulation is approved by Cabinet.  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** One month from Cabinet approval. Publication should be made available in English and Tongan. |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [****X]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:**  **[ ]****Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 16 May 2022  **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [****X]****National Notification Authority, [ ]****National Enquiry Point.** **Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:** |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [****X]****National Notification Authority, [ ]****National Enquiry Point.** **Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:** |