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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<p><b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>NEPAL</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b></p>
<p><b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Government of Nepal, Ministry of Agricultural Development, Department of Food Technology and Quality Control</p>
<p><b>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):</b> Whisky, rum, vodka</p>
<p><b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:</p>
<p><b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Proposed quality standard for whisky (malt grain whisky, blended whisky, other whisky); Proposed quality standard for rum (rum, white rum and flavored rum); Proposed quality standard for vodka. <b>Language(s):</b> Nepali. <b>Number of pages:</b> 2+2+2 (6 in total) <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/NPL/16_4683_00_x.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/NPL/16_4683_00_x.pdf</a> <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/NPL/16_4683_01_x.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/NPL/16_4683_01_x.pdf</a> <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/NPL/16_4683_02_x.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/NPL/16_4683_02_x.pdf</a></p>
<p><b>6. Description of content:</b> The Department of Food Technology and Quality Control proposes the quality standard for the above mentioned food products. This standard serves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>as a compulsory provision under food law and regulation;</li><li>to monitor export/import of these food products; and</li><li>to maintain safe and quality food products to the consumer.</li></ol> <p>The following definitions are provided in the standard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Whisky is the alcoholic beverage made by distilling the fermented extract of malted cereal grains or other starch food products. It shall be with or without caramel colour or additives;</li><li>– Rum is an alcoholic distillate obtained from fermented juice of sugarcane, sugarcane molasses, as well as any other sugarcane product, sugar beet or sugar beet molasses. It should not contain any colouring matter other than caramel. It can also be prepared from neutral, rectified, distilled spirit or a mixture of any combination thereof;</li><li>– White rum is rum without caramel colour, in order to be designated as white rum;</li><li>– Flavoured rum is an alcoholic beverage made out of rum and flavourings (spices or fruits), with or without permitted colour and with or without added sugar;</li><li>– Vodka is the distilled alcoholic beverage made from neutral spirit which may be obtained from potato, molasses and other fermented grains. It shall be with or without permitted colour, flavor and additive.</li></ul> <p>The proposed standard sets the requirement for essential composition and quality factors, hygiene, packaging and labeling requirements as per the Codex standard.</p>

7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	<p><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
9.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Available in Nepalese Language Nepali</p>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> After Published in Nepal Gazette <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> After Published in Nepal Gazette</p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> After Published in Nepal Gazette <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 14 January 2017</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>a) Department of Food Technology and Quality Control, Kathmandu, Nepal Fax: +(977 1) 4226 337 E-mail: info@dftqc.gov.np</p> <p>b) SPS National Enquiry Point, Department of Food Technology and Quality Control Tel: +(977 1) 4256 947 Fax: +(977 1) 4262 337 E-mail: spsnepal@ntc.net.np Website: <a href="http://www.spsenquiry.gov.np">http://www.spsenquiry.gov.np</a></p>
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