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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>HONG KONG, CHINA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Environment and Ecology Bureau and Centre for Food Safety of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
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 for human consumption
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Consultation Document on Proposed Amendments to the Preservatives in Food Regulation (Cap. 132BD). Language(s): English and Chinese. Number of pages: 193 and 203 https://www.cfs.gov.hk/english/whatsnew/whatsnew_fstr/whatsnew_fstr_Proposed_Amendments_Preservatives_Food_Regulation.html (English) https://www.cfs.gov.hk/tc_chi/whatsnew/whatsnew_fstr/whatsnew_fstr_Proposed_Amendments_Preservatives_Food_Regulation.html (Chinese)
6. Description of content: The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region proposes, through legislative amendments, to update the regulatory control of preservatives and antioxidants in food, with a view to enhancing protection for consumers, promoting harmonization of local and international food safety standards, and facilitating the food trade. The exercise mainly involves updating the definitions of "preservative" and "antioxidant", the list of permitted preservatives and antioxidants as well as the maximum permitted levels of such permitted preservatives and antioxidants in specified food.
7. Objective and rationale: <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. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): CODEX STAN 192-1995 <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input type="checkbox"/> None

<p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>	
9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be notified.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be notified.</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be notified.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 28 August 2023</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Centre for Food Safety Food and Environmental Hygiene Department 43/F, Queensway Government Offices 66 Queensway, Hong Kong Fax: +(852) 2893 3547 E-mail: Preservative_consultation@fehd.gov.hk</p>
13.	<p>Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Centre for Food Safety Food and Environmental Hygiene Department 43/F, Queensway Government Offices 66 Queensway, Hong Kong Fax: +(852) 2893 3547 E-mail: Preservative_consultation@fehd.gov.hk</p>