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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>SINGAPORE</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>																						
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore (AVA)																						
<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> Food																						
<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:																						
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Draft Food (Amendment) Regulations 2018. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 3																						
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore (AVA) has completed a review of the Food Regulations and proposes the following amendments: a) To allow the use of the following new food additives and ingredients: i. Partially hydrolysed lecithin (INS 322(ii)) and amidated pectin (INS 440) as permitted emulsifiers in food under good manufacturing practice; ii. Calcium L-methylfolate, phylloquinone and menaquinone-7 for use in food as a source of folate, Vitamin K1 and Vitamin K2 respectively; and iii. 2'-fucosyllactose (2'-FL) and Lacto-N-neotetraose (LNnT), for use in infant formula at levels up to 120mg and 60mg respectively per 100ml; b) To extend the use of the following existing food additives to additional food categories: i. 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; ii. The following sodium, calcium and potassium salts of phosphoric acid as permitted emulsifiers and/or stabilisers: <table border="1"><thead><tr><th><u>INS No.</u></th><th><u>Additive</u></th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>339(i)</td><td>Sodium dihydrogen phosphate</td></tr><tr><td>339(ii)</td><td>Disodium hydrogen phosphate</td></tr><tr><td>339(iii)</td><td>Trisodium phosphate</td></tr><tr><td>340(i)</td><td>Potassium dihydrogen phosphate</td></tr><tr><td>340(ii)</td><td>Dipotassium hydrogen phosphate</td></tr><tr><td>340(iii)</td><td>Tripotassium phosphate</td></tr><tr><td>341(iii)</td><td>Tricalcium phosphate</td></tr><tr><td>450(i)</td><td>Disodium diphosphate</td></tr><tr><td>450(ii)</td><td>Trisodium diphosphate</td></tr><tr><td>450(iii)</td><td>Tetrasodium diphosphate</td></tr></tbody></table>	<u>INS No.</u>	<u>Additive</u>	339(i)	Sodium dihydrogen phosphate	339(ii)	Disodium hydrogen phosphate	339(iii)	Trisodium phosphate	340(i)	Potassium dihydrogen phosphate	340(ii)	Dipotassium hydrogen phosphate	340(iii)	Tripotassium phosphate	341(iii)	Tricalcium phosphate	450(i)	Disodium diphosphate	450(ii)	Trisodium diphosphate	450(iii)	Tetrasodium diphosphate
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<p><b>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.</b></p>
<p><b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> Codex General Standard For Food Additives (CODEX STAN 192-1995); Codex Pesticide Residues in Food Online Database (<a href="http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/standards/pestres/en/">http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/standards/pestres/en/</a>)</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 type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input checked="" 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>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> March 2018  <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> March 2018</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 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.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b> (approval of use of food additives and ingredients)</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 5 March 2018</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p>

**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")

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