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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: SINGAPORE
	If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Singapore Food Agency (SFA)
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): Genome edited (GEd) crops, and food and feed produced from GEd crops
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: Consultation on Regulatory Framework for the Use of Genome Edited Crops for Food and Animal Feed. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 12
6.	Description of content: Currently, SFA subjects all GEd crops to SFA's pre-market safety assessment and approval for genetically modified (GM) food. Following a review of the regulatory framework, developers can submit information to notify SFA on GEd crops that are equivalent to conventionally bred crops, and be exempted from the GMO pre-market safety assessment.
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:
	[] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):
	[] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):
	[] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):
	[X] None
	Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?
	[]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:

- Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): First quarter of 2024.
 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): First quarter of 2024.
- 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Same date as the adoption and publication of the measure.
 - [X] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 18 February 2024

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 notified document will be made available at the following website: https://www.sfa.gov.sg/food-information/public-consultation/others (click on "Consultation on Regulatory Framework for the Use of Genome Edited Crops for Food and Animal Feed")

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