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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: <u>PHILIPPINES</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: DR. SAMUEL A. ZACATE Director General Food and Drug Administration DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: PILAR MARILYN P. PAGAYUNAN Director IV Center for Food Regulation and Research (CFRR) Food and Drug Administration DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH Email: cfr@fda.gov.ph ; mvdpinion@fda.gov.ph ; gapascual@fda.gov.ph ; BPS@dti.gov.ph www.fda.gov.ph
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Food additives (ICS code(s): 67.220.20)
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Administrative Order (AO) on Revised Guidelines on Food Additives and Processing Aids, Repealing Administrative Order 88-A s. 1984; (15 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: These guidelines are meant to achieve the following objectives: A. To establish guidelines prescribing: 1. The condition under which a food additive may be safely used; and 2. The maximum quantity of food additive which may be used or permitted to remain in or on such food. B. To meet the demand for specific guidance on the use of food additives and ensure food safety, with the increasing awareness on safe food. C. To harmonize local food regulation with international food control laws, rules and regulations to ensure market access opportunities.

D. To update the list of permitted food additives for their use and application in food distributed in the Philippines.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of human health or safety; Harmonization
8. Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative Order (AO) No.88-As.1984 • Bureau Circular (BC) No.2006-0016
9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force: Fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in any newspaper of general circulation and upon filing with the University of the Philippines Law Center Office of the National Administrative Register.
10. Final date for comments: 18 March 2023
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body: Mr. Neil P. Catajay Director Bureau of Philippine Standards Department of Trade and Industry 3F Trade and Industry Building 361 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue Makati City Philippines Tel: (632) 751 4700; (632) 7913128 Email: bps@dti.gov.ph Website: http://www.bps.dti.gov.ph https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/TBT/PHL/23_0515_00_e.pdf