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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: Food and Health 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 Harmful Substances in Food Regulations (Cap. 132AF). Language(s): Chinese and English. Number of pages: 24 and 21
6. Description of content: The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region proposes, through legislative amendments, to update and strengthen the regulatory control of harmful substances in food, namely three types of mycotoxins, five types of other harmful substances in specified food groups (including edible fats and oils, condiments and formula products intended for infants) and partially hydrogenated oils, the main source of industrially-produced trans fatty acids, with a view to safeguarding food safety and public health.
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): CXS 193-1995 and CXS 210-1999 <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 Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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:
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be notified. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be notified.
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): To be notified. <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 15 March 2021 (Hong Kong time) Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Centre for Food Safety Food and Environmental Hygiene Department 43/F, Queensway Government Offices 66 Queensway, Hong Kong Facsimile: +(852) 2893 3547 E-mail: harmful-sub-consultation@fehd.gov.hk
13.	Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Centre for Food Safety Food and Environmental Hygiene Department 43/F, Queensway Government Offices 66 Queensway, Hong Kong Facsimile: +(852) 2893 3547 E-mail: harmful-sub-consultation@fehd.gov.hk The notified text could also be downloaded from the following website (effective from 11 December 2020): http://www.cfs.gov.hk/harmfulsubstance .