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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>NEPAL</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Government of Nepal, Ministry of Agricultural Development, Department of Food Technology and Quality Control
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): Proposed quality standard for Brandy; Proposed quality standard for Gin
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: Proposed quality standard for Brandy; Proposed quality standard for Gin. Language(s): Nepali. Number of pages: 4 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/NPL/17_1290_00_x.pdf http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/NPL/17_1290_01_x.pdf
6. Description of content: The Department of Food Technology and Quality Control proposes the quality standard for the above mentioned products. This standard serves: a. as a compulsory provision under food law and regulation; b. to monitor export/import of these food products; and c. to maintain safe and quality food products to the consumer. The proposed standard sets the requirement for essential composition and quality factors, hygiene, packaging and labeling requirements.
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 type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input 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): After published in Nepal Gazette. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): After published in Nepal Gazette.
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: [] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): After published in Nepal Gazette. [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): 22 May 2017 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: a) Department of Food Technology and Quality Control, Kathmandu, Nepal Fax: +(977 1) 4226 337 E-mail: info@dftqc.gov.np b) SPS National Enquiry Point, Department of Food Technology and Quality Control Tel: +(977 1) 4256 947 Fax: +(977 1) 4262 337 E-mail: spsnepal@ntc.net.np Website: http://www.spsenquiry.gov.np
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