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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: 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: Center for Food Regulation and Research Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health Civic Drive, Filinvest Corporate City, Alabang Muntinlupa City Philippines Tel.: (632) 857-1993 or 91 Fax: (632) 807-0751 Emails: mtccerbolles@fda.gov.ph ./ fjsibarreta@fda.gov.ph
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): This Order covers the labeling of all prepackaged food products, including food supplements, whether locally manufactured or imported into the Philippines.
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Administrative Order - Revised Rules and Regulations Governing The Labeling of Prepackaged Food Products Further Amending Certain Provisions of Administrative Order No. 88-B s. 1984 or the Rules and Regulations Governing the Labeling of Pre-packaged Food Products Distributed in the Philippines, and for Other Purposes
6.	Description of content: With the aim to provide coherence in the Food and Drug Administration's regulatory system for food establishments and prepackaged food products, this Order is hereby issued amending for this purpose certain provisions of Administrative Order No. 88-B s. 1984 or the "Rules and Regulations Governing the Labeling of Prepackaged Food Products Distributed in the Philippines" and for other purposes.

7.	<p>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: With the increasing trade of prepackaged food in the country, its safety must at all times be assured. One effective national food safety and control system is consumer information about the food product through its label. The following are the objectives of this order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To promulgate rules and regulations on the revised labelling guidelines of prepackaged food products in order to protect the consumer against hazards to health and safety and provide information and education to facilitate sound choice in the proper exercise of their rights; • To establish provisions on the exemption to the requirements of labelling of prepackaged food products which are, in accordance with the practice of trade, to be processed, labelled, or repacked in substantial quantities at establishments other than those where originally processed or packed.
8.	<p>Relevant documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative Order No. 88-B s. 1984 or the "Rules and Regulations Governing the Labeling of Prepackaged Food Products Distributed in the Philippines"; • Republic Act No. 3720 or Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act; • Republic Act No. 9711 or Food and Drug Administration Act of 2009; • Administrative Order No.2005-0016 - General Policies and Guidelines Governing Brand Names of Products for Registration with the Bureau of Food and Drug; • Administrative Order No. 152 s. 2004 Prescribing Regulations for Irradiated Food; • Bureau Circular 2007-002 - Use of Nutrition and Health Claims in Food; • Bureau Circular No. 2006-016 - Updated List of Food Additives; • CODEX STAN 1-1985, Amended 2010 - General Standard for the Labelling of Prepackaged Foods; • CAC/GL 23-1997 - Codex Guidelines for Use of Nutrition and Health Claims; • CAC/GL 1-1979 revised in 1991 - Codex General Guidelines on Claims; • CODEX STAN 107-1981 - General Standard for the Labeling of Food Additives when Sold As Such; • CAC/GL 1-1979, Amended 2009 - Codex General Guidelines on Claims; • Codex GSFA 2013 - Codex General Standard for Food Additives.
9.	<p>Proposed date of adoption: This regulation shall take effect immediately upon approval and publication in two Newspapers of general circulation</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: This regulation shall take effect immediately upon approval and publication in two Newspapers of general circulation</p>
10.	<p>Final date for comments: 30 August 2014</p>
11.	<p>Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</p> <p>Standards Mainstreaming Division Bureau of Philippine Standards Department of Trade and Industry 361 Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue Makati City, Metro Manila Philippines E-mail: bps@dti.gov.ph Fax: (632) 751-4706</p>