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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>SINGAPORE</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore (AVA) 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:
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): Food
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Food (Amendment) Regulations 2015
6.	Description of content: The Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore (AVA) has completed a review of the Food Regulations and proposes the following amendments: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) To include a requirement that products labelled as "organic" (or similar terms) must be certified as organic under an inspection and certification system that complies with the Codex Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods, GL 32-1999; or equivalent.b) To prohibit the import, sale and advertisement of raw milk for direct human consumption.c) To allow the use of the generic term "Modified Starches", if referring to the following modified starches, for labelling purposes:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dextrin roasted starch, Acid-treated starch, Alkaline-treated starch, Bleached starch, Oxidised starch, Enzyme-treated starch, Monostarch phosphate, Distarch phosphate, Phosphated distarch phosphate, Acetylated distarch phosphate, Starch acetate, Acetylated distarch adipate, Hydroxypropyl starch, Hydroxypropyl distarch phosphate, Starch sodium octenyl succinate, Acetylated oxidised starchd) To make editorial amendments to existing regulations 9, 12, 30(3) and 38, to update the terms used, as well as to spell out the provisions in a clearer format. <p>(The above amendment is also notified via SPS notification.)</p>
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of human health
8.	Relevant documents: Proposed regulations available from National Enquiry Point.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 30 December 2015 Proposed date of entry into force: 30 December 2015

10. Final date for comments: 60 days from the date of notification

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:

The proposed regulations will be made available at the following website:
<http://www.ava.gov.sg/Legislation/ListOfLegislation/>

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