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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 - Center for Food Regulation and Research (CFRR) 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 (CFRR) Food and Drug Administration Civic Drive, Filinvest City, Alabang 1781 Muntinlupa, Philippines E-mail: mavspinion@yahoo.com , mvdpinion@fda.gov.ph , ryasonafda@gmail.com Link: https://ww2.fda.gov.ph/index.php/drafts-for-comments/525737-addendum-to-administrative-order-no-2014-0030 Telephone no.: (+632)857.1900 loc 8112
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): Sweetened Beverages
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Administrative Order No. ____ - Addendum to Administrative Order No. 2014-0030 "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 Prepackaged Food Products Distributed in the Philippines," to include Guidelines on Additional Mandatory Label Information on Sweetened Beverages Based on R.A. 10963 (4 page(s), in English)
6. Description of content: This draft AO sets the guidelines on the declaration of additional mandatory label information on the type of sweetener used and the equivalent serving size of sweetened beverages (SB) in powder from per liter of volume capacity to guide the food manufacturers, distributors, and traders.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Consumer information, labelling; Cost saving and productivity enhancement; In 1 January 2018, Republic Act (RA) 10963 otherwise known as "Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion" (TRAIN) Law was enacted to (a) enhance the progressivity of the tax system through rationalization of the Philippine internal revenue tax system, thereby promoting sustainable and inclusive economic growth; (b) provide as much as possible, an equitable relief to a greater number of taxpayers and their families in order to improve levels of disposable income and increase economic growth; and (c) ensure that the government is able to provide for the needs of those under its jurisdiction and

<p>care through the provision of better infrastructure, health, education, jobs, and social protection for the people.</p> <p>The Act covers sweetened beverages (SB) using purely caloric sweeteners, and purely non-caloric sweeteners, and/or a mix of caloric and non-caloric sweeteners, and high fructose corn syrup or in combination with any caloric or non-caloric sweeteners, which are subject to excise tax, except purely coconut sap sugar and purely steviol glycosides. Under Section 47 of the TRAIN Law (E) amending Section 150-B of the National Internal Revenue Code (NIRC), it was provided that starting 1 June 2018, the FDA shall require all manufacturers and importers of SB covered by this Act to indicate on the label the type of sweetener used, and on sweetened beverages in powder form to indicate on the label the equivalent of each serving per liter of volume capacity.</p>
<p>8. Relevant documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Republic Act (RA) No. 10963 • Administrative Order (AO) No. 2014-0030 • AO No. 88-B s. 1984
<p>9. Proposed date of adoption: This Order shall take effect 15 days after its publication in a national newspaper of general circulation.</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: This Order shall take effect 15 days after its publication in a national newspaper of general circulation.</p>
<p>10. Final date for comments: 30 days from notification</p>
<p>11. 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>Center for Food Regulation and Research (CFRR) Food and Drug Administration Civic Drive, Filinvest City, Alabang 1781 Muntinlupa, Philippines E-mail: mavspinion@yahoo.com, mvdpinion@fda.gov.ph, ryasonafda@gmail.com Telephone no.: (+632)857.1900 loc 8112</p> <p>Attached copy: Draft Administrative Order No. ____ - Addendum to Administrative Order No. 2014-0030 "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 Prepackaged Food Products Distributed in the Philippines," to include Guidelines on Additional Mandatory Label Information on Sweetened Beverages Based on R.A. 10963 https://www2.fda.gov.ph/index.php/drafts-for-comments/525737-addendum-to-administrative-order-no-2014-0030 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/PHL/18_5659_00_e.pdf</p>