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NOTIFICATION

1.	**Notifying Member:** VIET NAM **If applicable, name of local government involved:**
2.	**Agency responsible:** Vietnam Food Safety Department, Ministry of Health
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):** Prepackaged food
4.	**Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:** **[X] All trading partners** **[ ] Specific regions or countries:**
5.	**Title of the notified document:** Draft of Circular Guiding Prepackaged Food Labelling **Language(s):** Vietnamese **Number of pages:** 20
6.	**Description of content:** The draft of circular covers regulations on: 1. Required contents and method of labelling including: name of products, composition, quantitative products, expiration date, recommendations and safety warnings, preservation, name and address of responsible individual or organization, origin, etc; 2. Labelling contents of some specific product, including retail food additives, genetic food, irradiation food; 3. Other regulations: nutrition labelling, other labelling methods.
7.	**Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [ ] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [ ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests.**
8.	**Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:** **[X] Codex Alimentarius Commission** ***(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*** **[ ] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)** ***(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*** **[ ] International Plant Protection Convention** ***(e.g. ISPM number)*** **[ ] None** **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?** **[X] Yes [ ] No**

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	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:** None
10.	**Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 30 January 2013 **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 30 January 2013
11.	**Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** April 2013 **[ ] Trade facilitating measure**
12.	**Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 23 January 2013 **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:** Vietnam Food Safety Department, Ministry of Health 138A Giang Vo, Ba Dinh District, Hanoi, Vietnam Tel: +(84 4) 3846 4489/ +(84 4) 3846 3702 Fax: +(84 4) 3846 3739 E-mail: vfa@vfa.gov.vn Website: http://www.vfa.gov.vn Vietnam SPS Notification Authority and Enquiry Point 2 Ngoc Ha Street, Hanoi, Vietnam Tel: +(84 4) 3734 4764 Fax: +(84 4) 3734 4764 E-mail: spsvietnam@mard.gov.vn Website: http://www.spsvietnam.gov.vn
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