NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** PHILIPPINES  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:**  DR. SAMUEL A. ZACATE  Director General  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:**  PILAR MARILYN P. PAGAYUNAN  Director IV  Center for Food Regulation and Research (CFRR)  Food and Drug Administration  DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  Email: [cfrr@fda.gov.ph](mailto:cfrr@fda.gov.ph); [tkcmartirez@fda.gov.ph](mailto:tkcmartirez@fda.gov.ph); [BPS@dti.gov.ph](mailto:BPS@dti.gov.ph); [BPS.SMD@dti.gov.ph](mailto:BPS.SMD@dti.gov.ph)  www.fda.gov.ph |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****],** **5.7.1 [****], 3.2 [****], 7.2 [****],** **other****:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** Spices and condiments. Food additives (ICS code(s): 67.220) |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Standard for Vinegar and Code of Practice for its Manufacture Repealing Administrative Order No. 134 s. 1970 "Regulation Prescribing the Standards of Identity and Quality of Vinegar (B-4.9 Condiments, Sauces, Seasoning)"; (8 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This Order aims to provide guidelines for food business operators (FBOs) on the manufacture of vinegar.  Specifically, this Order aims to:  A. Provide updated standards on the identity and quality of vinegar; and  B. Provide guidelines on the code of practice for processing and handling vinegar. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Protection of human health or safety |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**   * Republic Act (RA) No. 9711 and RA 10611 and their Implementing Rules and Regulations * Administrative Order No. 134 s. 1970 |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** To be determined  **Proposed date of entry into force:** This Order shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation and filing with the Office of the National Administrative Register of the UP Law Center. |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 10 June 2024 |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  Mr. Neil P. Catajay  Director  Bureau of Philippine Standards  Department of Trade and Industry  3F Trade and Industry Building  361 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue  Makati City  Philippines  1200  Tel: (632) 751 4700; (632) 7913128  Email: [bps@dti.gov.ph](mailto:BPS@dti.gov.ph)  Website: <http://www.bps.dti.gov.ph>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/PHL/24_02635_00_e.pdf> |