NOTIFICATION

Addendum

The following communication, dated 5 January 2022, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Singapore.

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**Title:** Food (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2021

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| **Reason for Addendum:** | |
| [  ] | Comment period changed - date: |
| [X] | Notified measure adopted - date: 30 December 2021 |
| [X] | Notified measure published - date: 30 December 2021 |
| [X] | Notified measure enters into force - date: 30 December 2021 |
| [X] | Text of final measure available from[[1]](#footnote-1):  E-Gazette (<http://www.egazette.com.sg>) under 'Archives' -> 'Subsidiary Legislation Supplement' -> '2021' -> 'Week Ending Dec 31, 2021' -> 'Notification No. 993' and Singapore Statues Online (<http://sso.agc.gov.sg> |
| [  ] | Notified measure withdrawn or revoked - date:  Relevant symbol if measure re-notified: |
| [  ] | Content or scope of notified measure changed and text available from1:  New deadline for comments (if applicable): |
| [X] | Interpretive guidance issued and text available from1:  <https://www.hpb.gov.sg/healthy-living/food-beverage/nutri-grade> |
| [X] | Other: |

**Description:**

1. High sugar intake is linked to increased risk of obesity and diabetes. The World Health Organization (WHO) has called on countries to take action to reduce individuals' intake of sugar to as low as possible, stating that "nutritionally, people do not need any sugar in their diet". However, Singaporeans are consuming on average twelve teaspoons (or 60g) of sugar daily. More than half of Singaporeans' daily sugar intake comes from beverages, of which pre-packaged beverages contribute 64 per cent. This is a concern, and more needs to be done to reduce Singaporeans' sugar intake. The new measures aim to help consumers identify beverages that are higher in sugar and saturated fat and make more informed, healthier choices, and to reduce the influence of advertising on consumer preferences, and spur industry reformulation.
2. From 30 December 2022 onwards, a new labelling scheme named "Nutri-Grade" will be introduced for Nutri-Grade beverages sold in Singapore. Labelling of the Nutri-Grade mark will be mandatory for Nutri-Grade beverages graded "C" or "D" under the Nutri-Grade grading system. In addition, prohibitions will be imposed on advertisements of Nutri-Grade beverages graded "D". To implement the Nutri-Grade labelling scheme and advertising prohibitions, all Nutri-Grade beverages will also be required to carry a nutrition information panel (NIP).[1]
3. Singapore's Ministry of Health (MOH) and Health Promotion Board (HPB) had conducted a public consultation exercise from 1 April 2021 to 31 May 2021 on the proposed Food (Amendment No. 2) Regulations under the Sale of Food Act ("**Amendment Regulations**"), which set out the measures applicable to Nutri-Grade beverages. MOH and HPB had also notified the draft Amendment Regulations to the WTO under notification G/TBT/N/SGP/59, and invited Members' comments over the same period.
4. Singapore has carefully considered the comments[2] received during the notification period and reviewed the Amendment Regulations. Amendments have been made to the notified draft text, as detailed in the attachment found at: <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/TBT/SGP/22_0029_00_e.pdf>

[1] With the exception of those stated in proposed new Regulation 184C(6).

[2] A summary of the key comments and our response thereto can be found at: <https://www.sfa.gov.sg/docs/default-source/legislation/sale-of-food-act/response-to-comments-received-from-the-public-consultation-on-labelling-and-advertising-requirements-for-nutri-grade-beverages.pdf?sfvrsn=b4dcc344_2>.

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1. This information can be provided by including a website address, a pdf attachment, or other information on where the text of the final/modified measure and/or interpretive guidance can be obtained. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)