NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Singapore  **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 2019 |
| **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:  a) To extend the use of the health claim on blood cholesterol lowering effect, currently permitted for barley beta-glucan, to oat beta-glucan:  *"Barley beta-glucans/Oat beta-glucans have been shown to lower/reduce blood cholesterol. High blood cholesterol is a risk factor in the development of coronary heart disease."*  b) To delete the requirement for shell eggs treated with mineral hydrocarbons to be marked with the word "SEALED"  *(The above amendments have also been notified to the SPS Committee)* |
| **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:** January 2019  **Proposed date of entry into force:** January 2019 |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  The public consultation document and proposed regulations will be made available at the following website: <http://www.ava.gov.sg/legislation> "Sale of Food Act", then click on "Consultation on Draft Food (Amendment) Regulations 2019" and "Draft Food (Amendment) Regulations 2019)"  Alternatively, please write in to: Regulatory Administration Group Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority 52 Jurong Gateway Road #14-01 Singapore 608550 Tel: +(65) 6805 2912 Fax: +(65) 6334 1831 E-mail: [WTO\_Contact@ava.gov.sg](mailto:WTO_Contact@ava.gov.sg), [adelene\_yap@ava.gov.sg](mailto:adelene_yap@ava.gov.sg) |