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:** 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, Philipppines  E-mail: [mavspinion@yahoo.com](mailto:mavspinion@yahoo.com), [mvdpinion@fda.gov.ph](mailto:mvdpinion@fda.gov.ph), [dullercc@gmail.com](mailto:dullercc@gmail.com)  <https://ww2.fda.gov.ph/index.php/drafts-for-comments/525736-adoption-of-general-standard-for-additives-codex-stan-192-1995-rev-2018-or-latest>  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):** Non‑Fermented Soybean Products; Milk and milk products (ICS 67.100), Food additives (ICS 67.220.20). |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Draft Administrative Order No. \_\_\_ - Adoption of General Standard for Food Additives (Codex Stan 192-1995, Rev. 2018 or latest); Codex General Standard for the Use of Dairy Terms (Codex Stan 206-1999 or latest); Codex Standards on Milk and Milk Products as specified in this Order; and Codex Regional Standard for Non-Fermented Soybean Products (CXS 322R-2015 Amended in 2016, 2017 or latest) (3 page(s), in English) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This draft AO aims to officially adopt certain codex standards as specified under IV.A items 1-10 (General Guidelines) of this draft order, to serve as a basis in classifying and identifying food products. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Protection of human health or safety; Harmonization; 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 amending several sections of Republic Act No. 8424 otherwise known as the National Internal Revenue Code (NIRC) of 1997, as amended, and for other purposes, imposing excise tax on several commodities including sweetened beverages (SB) which are under the jurisdiction of the FDA, introduced as Section 47. For effective implementation, it is timely that the codex food category system and descriptors which are parts of the General Standard for Food Additives (Codex Stan 192-1995, Rev. 2018 or latest) and their specific Codex standards which may be contained in individual Codex standards, Codex General Standard for the Use of Dairy Terms (Codex Stan 206-1999) and Codex standards on milk and milk products as specified in this Order, and Codex Regional Standard for Non‑Fermented Soybean Products (CXS 322R-2015 Amended in 2016, 2017 or latest) be specifically adopted by the FDA to be used as guide in classifying and identifying food products.  The harmonization of standards, food in particular, is generally viewed as contributory factor to the protection of consumer health. Thus, the adoption of certain Codex standards is deemed imperative. |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**  • 1987 Philippine Constitution  • Administrative Code of 1987  • Republic Act No. 3720 as amended by Executive Order No. 175  • Republic Act No. 9711 - Food and Drug Administration Act of 2009  • Republic Act No. 10611 - the Food Safety Act of 2018  • Republic Act No. 10963 - Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) Law  • Republic Act No. 8424 - National Internal Revenue Code (NIRC) of 1997  • Department of Agriculture-Administrative Order No. 2005-001 and Department of Health- Administrative Order No. 2005-0028 |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** This Order shall take effect 15 days after its publication in a national newspaper of general circulation.  **Proposed date of entry into force:** This Order shall take effect 15 days after its publication in a national newspaper of general circulation. |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 30 days from notification |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  <https://ww2.fda.gov.ph/index.php/drafts-for-comments/525736-adoption-of-general-standard-for-additives-codex-stan-192-1995-rev-2018-or-latest>  Center for Food Regulation and Research (CFRR) Food and Drug Administration Civic Drive, Filinvest City, Alabang 1781 Muntinlupa, Philippines E-mail: [mavspinion@yahoo.com](mailto:mavspinion@yahoo.com), [mvdpinion@fda.gov.ph](mailto:mvdpinion@fda.gov.ph), [dullercc@gmail.com](mailto:dullercc@gmail.com) Telephone no.: (+632)857.1900 loc 8112  Attached copy: Draft Administrative Order No. \_\_\_ - Adoption of General  Standard for Food Additives (Codex Stan 192-1995, Rev. 2018 or latest); Codex General Standard for the Use of Dairy Terms (Codex Stan 206-1999 or latest); Codex Standards on Milk and Milk Products as specified in this Order; and Codex Regional Standard for Non-Fermented Soybean Products (CXS 322R-2015 Amended in 2016, 2017 or latest).  <https://ww2.fda.gov.ph/index.php/drafts-for-comments/525736-adoption-of-general-standard-for-additives-codex-stan-192-1995-rev-2018-or-latest>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/TBT/PHL/18_5658_00_e.pdf> |