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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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### NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>SINGAPORE</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Health (MOH), Health Promotion Board (HPB) <b>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:</b>
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], 3.2 [ ], 7.2 [ ], other:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HS Chapter 4, in particular Headings 04.01, 04.02 and 04.03</li><li>• HS Chapter 9, in particular Headings 09.01, 09.02 and 09.03</li><li>• HS Chapter 18, in particular Heading 18.06</li><li>• HS Chapter 19, in particular Headings 19.01 and 19.04</li><li>• HS Chapter 20, in particular Heading 20.09</li><li>• HS Chapter 21, in particular Headings 21.01 and 21.06</li><li>• HS Chapter 22, in particular Headings 22.01 and 22.02</li></ul>
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Public Consultation Document on Draft Food (Amendment No. X) Regulations 2023 and Sale of Food (Freshly Prepared Nutri-Grade Beverages – Exemption) Order 2023; (19 page(s), in English)
<b>6. Description of content:</b> From 30 December 2022, Nutri-Grade beverages sold in Singapore in the pre-packaged form or from non-customisable automated beverage dispensers have been subjected to labelling requirements and advertising prohibitions. The Ministry of Health (MOH) and Health Promotion Board (HPB) propose to extend these measures to freshly prepared beverages (including those dispensed from customisable automated beverage dispensers) for sale in specified settings in Singapore. For Nutri-Grade beverages which are pre-packaged or dispensed from machines, additional labelling requirements will also be introduced.

7.	<p><b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> 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". Collectively, the existing and additional measures aim to (a) help consumers identify beverages that are higher in sugar and saturated fat and make more informed, healthier choices, (b) reduce the influence of advertising on consumer preferences, and (c) spur industry reformulation.; Consumer information, labelling; Protection of human health or safety</p>
8.	<p><b>Relevant documents:</b> -</p>
9.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> Mid 2023  <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> End 2023</p>
10.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> 60 days from notification</p>
11.	<p><b>Texts available from: National enquiry point [ ] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</b></p> <p>The public consultation document and draft legislation will be made available at the following websites:  <a href="https://www.sfa.gov.sg/food-information/public-consultation">https://www.sfa.gov.sg/food-information/public-consultation</a>          (Click on "Consultation on Draft Food (Amendment No X) Regulations 2023 and Sale of Food (Freshly Prepared Nutri-Grade Beverages — Exemption) Order 2023: Additional Measures for Nutri-Grade Beverages");  <a href="https://www.hpb.gov.sg/healthy-living/food-beverage/nutri-grade">https://www.hpb.gov.sg/healthy-living/food-beverage/nutri-grade</a>; or  <a href="https://go.gov.sg/feedback-nutrigrade">https://go.gov.sg/feedback-nutrigrade</a>          Comments should reach MOH and HPB via email at: <a href="mailto:Nutri-Grade@hpb.gov.sg">Nutri-Grade@hpb.gov.sg</a></p>