NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Nepal  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** The Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** The Department of Food Technology and Quality Control, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Government of Nepal |
| **3.** | **Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):** Dalmoth and Beaten Rice |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[****X]** **All trading partners**  **[ ]****Specific regions or countries:** |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Quality and Safety Standandard of Dalmoth and Beaten Rice.**Language(s):** Nepali . **Number of pages:** 4 (2 + 2)  http://spsenquiry.gov.np/noticedetail.php?id=9  http://spsenquiry.gov.np/noticedetail.php?id=8  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/NPL/19_7236_00_x.pdf>  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/NPL/19_7236_01_x.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Department of Food Technology and Quality Control proposes the quality and safety standard for the above mentioned products.  This standard serves: as a compulsory provision under food law and regulation; to monitor export/import of these food products; and to maintain safe and quality food products to the consumer.  The proposed standard sets the requirement for essential composition and quality factors, hygiene, packaging and labelling requirements. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [****X]****food safety, [ ]****animal health, [ ]****plant protection, [ ]****protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ]****protect territory from other damage from pests.** |
| **8.** | **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:**  **[ ]****Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:**  **[ ]****World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[ ]****International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**  **[****X]** **None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[ ]****Yes [ ]****No**  **If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:** |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** http://spsenquiry.gov.np/noticedetail.php?id=9  http://spsenquiry.gov.np/noticedetail.php?id=8 (available in Nepali) |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** After Published in Nepal Gazette.  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 1 September 2019 After Published in Nepal Gazette. |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** After Published in Nepal Gazette.  **[****X]** **Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 6 March 2020  **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [****X]****National Notification Authority, [****X]****National Enquiry Point.** **Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:** |
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