NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** NEPAL**If applicable, name of local government involved:**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Government of Nepal, Department of Food Technology and Quality Control, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Singha Durbar, Kathmandu |
| **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):** Fortified 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:** Proposed standard for Fortified Rice.**Language(s):** Nepali. **Number of pages:** 2[http://www.spsenquiry.gov.np/english/notification-board/1/2020/82987668/](http://www.spsenquiry.gov.np/english/notification-board/1/2020/82987668/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/NPL/22_7787_00_x.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Department of Food Technology and Quality Control, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development has proposed a quality standard for fortified rice in order to ensure the quality of the product in the domestic market and to facilitate fair trade. |
| **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:**   |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** After approval from Government of Nepal.**Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** After approval from Government of Nepal. |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [****]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** After publication 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)*:** 15 January 2023**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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