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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

1. Notifying Member: <u>ISRAEL</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Israel WTO-TBT Enquiry Point 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: Israel WTO-TBT Enquiry Point Ministry of Economy and Industry Tel: + (972) 74 7502236 E-mail: Yael.Friedgut@service.economy.gov.il
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [X], 5.7.1 [], 3.2 [], 7.2 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Dietary supplements (HS code(s): 3004); (ICS code(s): 11.120.10; 67.040)
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Protection of Public Health Regulations (Food) (Import of dietary supplements by a Proper Importer) 5783-2024; (9 page(s), in Hebrew)
6. Description of content: The Ministry of Health published a new draft of regulations titled "Protection of Public Health Regulations (Food) (Import of dietary supplements by a Proper Importer) 5783-2024. The current import regime includes obtaining prior approval for importing dietary supplements, including importing raw materials, and performing a release procedure after inspection at the quarantine station. A registered importer with a valid importer's certificate will be able to register as a Proper Importer of dietary supplements and meet new threshold conditions as specified in the draft of the new regulations, after which he will be able to obtain prior approval to import nutritional supplements. This approval will significantly reduce the waiting time for receiving the import approvals and the release of the products for marketing from the quarantine stations. These proposed regulations require importers of dietary supplements to be thoroughly familiar with the food legislation and the requirements applicable to the product, to implement a safety system based on risk management, and to be responsible for the safety and quality of the imported dietary supplements and to benefit a simplified and quick preliminary import approval.

<p>These proposed regulations will enter into force 12 months after publication in Israel's Official Gazette.</p> <p>Nevertheless, for importers that are already registered as Proper Importer the proposed regulations will enter into force on date of publication.</p>
<p>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Prevention of deceptive practices and consumer protection; Protection of human health or safety; Reducing trade barriers and facilitating trade; Cost saving and productivity enhancement</p>
<p>8. Relevant documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of Public Health Law (Food) 5775-2015.
<p>9. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: To be determined. These proposed regulations will enter into force 12 months after publication in Israel's Official Gazette.</p> <p>Nevertheless, for importers that are already registered as Proper Importer the proposed regulations will enter into force on date of publication.</p>
<p>10. Final date for comments: 60 days from notification</p>
<p>11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</p> <p>https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/ISR/24_03287_00_x.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2024/TBT/ISR/24_03287_01_x.pdf</p>