NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** VIET NAM  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** National Agro – Forestry – Fisheries Quality Assurance Department - MARD |
| **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):** Frozen tuna |
| **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:** Frozen tuna - Specifications.**Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 16  [https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/VNM/23\_8918\_00\_e.pdf](https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/VNM/23_8918_00_e.pdf" \t "_blank) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** This standard specifies the technical requirements on frozen tuna products for direct consumption or for pre-processing of yellowfin tuna (*Thunus albacares*) and bigeye tuna (*Thunnus obesus*). |
| **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:**  **[****X]** **Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:** CODEX STAN 190 - 1995  **[****]** **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[****]** **International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:**  **[****]** **None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[****X]** **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:**   * Law on food safety (No. 55/2010/QF 12)   <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/VNM/23_8918_01_e.pdf>   * Decree elaboration of some articles of the law of food safety   <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/VNM/23_8918_02_e.pdf> |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 1 April 2023  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 12 June 2023 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [****X]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:**  **[****]** **Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 12 June 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:**  Viet Nam Sanitary and Phytosaniary Notification Authority and Enquiry Point  10 Nguyen Cong Hoan, Hanoi, Viet Nam  Tel: +(8424) 3734 4764  Fax: +(8424) 3734 9019  E-mail: [spsvietnam@mard.gov.vn](mailto:spsvietnam@mard.gov.vn)  Website: <http://www.spsvietnam.gov.vn>  National Agro-Forestry-Fisheries Quality Assurance Department  Via: Reference Testing and Agrifood Quality Consultancy Center  10 Nguyen Cong Hoan, Hanoi, Viet Nam  Tel: +(8424) 3831 8154  Fax: +(8424) 3771 4695  E-mail: [Retaq@mard.gov.vn](mailto:Retaq@mard.gov.vn) |
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