

## **CONSULTATION ON DRAFT PROVISIONS IN THE FOOD SAFETY AND SECURITY BILL**

### **ANNEX III: FEEDBACK TEMPLATE FOR IMPORT, EXPORT AND TRANSHIPMENT**

Please indicate the category of respondent you are: (Mandatory)

1. Industry/Business (retail)
2. Industry/Business (non-retail)
3. Consumer
4. Consumer association
5. Academic/Researcher
6. Ornamental Plant Nurseries
7. Others: [Please specify]

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1. As a consumer of imported food, which of the 2 statements do you more identify with: (Mandatory)
  - a. I have considered or will consider suing the importer to recover costs, such as medical costs, that I had to or will need to bear if I fall ill from consuming imported food.
  - b. I have not considered or will not consider suing the importer to recover costs if I fall ill from consuming imported food.

If "b", Please provide reasons (Mandatory):

2. Currently, criminal penalties for importing unsafe food, or importing food without a licence or permit are prescribed under different Acts for different types of food and have different maximum quantum. Would you support a common maximum penalty for all food types instead? (Mandatory)

Note: For example, under the FSSB, for individual offenders of import of unsafe food, the unified maximum penalty for repeated offending would be \$50,000 and/or a jail term of 2 years. For non-individual offenders (e.g., corporate entities), the unified maximum penalty for repeated offending would be \$100,000. These penalties are regardless of whether the food is meat, seafood, fruit, vegetable, etc.

Y/N.

If "N", Please provide your comments on why a non-unified penalty framework would be more appropriate: (Mandatory)

3. Do you think that licensed importers that had their licences revoked for egregious non-compliances or implication in severe food-borne incidents should be disqualified from holding a licence to engage in the same trading activity? (Mandatory)

Y/N.

If "N", please provide your comments (Mandatory):

If "Y", do you agree that the disqualification should be for a limited period of time? (Mandatory)

Y/N.

If Y, please provide your comments as to that period of disqualification. (Mandatory):

4. Do you support empowering SFA to require licensed importers of certain selected controlled items to have procurement plans to manage disruptive events that can affect food safety or security? (Mandatory)

Y/N.

If "N", Please provide suggestion on how importers can prepare for disruptive events if not via procurement plan? (Mandatory):

5. Do you support the new requirement for licensed importers of food, pre-packed food additive preparation, regulated food contact articles and animal feed to keep records relating to the imported controlled item? (Mandatory)

Y/N.

If "N", Please provide suggestion on how SFA can smoothen the introduction of the above requirement? (Mandatory):

6. Are the timeframes for the below three scenarios reasonable?

- a. 24-hour timeframe for licensed importer making a voluntary recall to report it to SFA
- b. 24-hour timeframe to provide documentation for recalls directed by SFA. This duty is imposed on licensed importers alongside requirements to keep records of imported controlled items for purposes of traceability
- c. 48-hour timeframe to complete recalls directed by SFA

Y/N.

If "N", Please suggest an alternative timeframe for the relevant scenario and your rationale through your comments (Mandatory):

7. Are the monitoring and investigating powers for SFA to detect and investigate regulatory breaches and food safety offences proportionate and adequate to assure food safety and protect the public? (Mandatory)

Y/N.

If "N", Please provide your rationale (Mandatory):

8. If you are a business which farms both food producing animals and non-food producing animals (e.g. ornamental fishes), what do you think of having to obtain separate licenses from SFA and NParks' respectively? (optional)

9. If you are a business which farms both edible plants and ornamental plants), what do you think of having to obtain separate licenses from SFA and NParks' respectively? (optional)

10. Any other comments? (optional)