

## **PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON DRAFT PROVISIONS OF FOOD SAFETY AND SECURITY BILL (FSSB)**

The Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment (MSE) and the Singapore Food Agency (SFA) have launched a public consultation to seek feedback on the draft provisions in the FSSB. The public consultation will be conducted progressively in phases, from today to June 2024.

2 The FSSB consolidates and streamlines food-related legislation from eight existing Acts<sup>1</sup> into a single Act and provides an overarching framework to ensure coherence across the entire food value chain. It introduces new powers to enhance SFA's regulatory functions to ensure a supply of safe food for Singapore.

The FSSB seeks to:

- i. Enhance the food safety regime to better protect the public
- ii. Facilitate joint responsibility between industry, consumers and the Government
- iii. Strengthen resilience against food supply disruptions

### **Scope of Consultation**

3 Since August 2023, MSE/SFA has been engaging industry associations and key stakeholders on the proposed enhancements. MSE/SFA is extending the feedback to all interested parties via a series of public consultations which will be launched progressively on the REACH portal (<https://go.gov.sg/feedbackfssb>) from 15 March 2024 to June 2024, as follows:

- Defined food and pre-market approval
- Provision of non-packaged drinking water
- Certain agri-food production inputs (animal feed and pesticides)
- Strengthening resilience of food supplies in Singapore
- Import, export, and transshipment
- Food businesses

4 The first consultation on “Defined food and pre-market approval” takes place from 15 March 2024 to the week of 14 May 2024. Other segments of the draft Bill will be progressively made available on the REACH portal (<https://go.gov.sg/feedbackfssb>) for the public to share their views on how we can collectively ensure a resilient supply of safe food for Singapore. More details of the phased consultation can be found on the [SFA website](#).

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<sup>1</sup> These are: (i) Animals and Birds Act (ABA), (ii) Control of Plants Act (COPA), (iii) Environmental Public Health Act (EPHA), (iv) Feeding Stuffs Act (FSA), (v) Fisheries Act (FA), (vi) Sale of Food Act (SOFA), (vii) Wholesome Meat and Fish Act (WMFA), and (viii) Price Control Act.

5 Feedback or comments received will be consolidated, and a summary will be published together with SFA's responses, on the SFA website after the consultation exercise. The summary will not disclose the identity of person(s) or organisation(s) providing the feedback and comments.

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