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Dear CFS,

Please find attached a submission from Abbott.

Thanks.

Best Regards,

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Subject: Submission on the proposed amendments to the Preservatives in Food Regulations (Cap. 132BD)

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Abbott Laboratories Limited welcomes the government's intention to update the Preservatives in Food Regulations (Cap. 132BD) to safeguard the wellbeing of consumers. Abbott also agrees with the government's action in referring to the Codex and other international standards when drafting the amendments. Abbott appreciates the reference to the Codex on the definitions of preservative and antioxidant in excluding vitamins and minerals added to food as nutrients. One suggestion is for the government to prepare a guidance document in the future to assist the trade to adhere to the new regulation and to include guidance on how the trade can indicate to the government on vitamins and minerals added to food as nutrients and not as preservatives or antioxidants if so needed.

In addition, a 24-months grace period is required for the trade to source adequate raw materials; to perform reformulation; to adjust testing parameters; and to ship the products to market.

You may reach me by phone () or by email () for further discussion.



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Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

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