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PRESS RELEASE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BRUNEI DARUSSALAM FOOD AUTHORITY (BDFA)

- 1. With the consent of His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu'izzaddin Waddaulah, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, it is hereby announced that a statutory body, the Brunei Darussalam Food Authority (BDFA) has been established, as a regulatory and competent authority for food safety and quality in Brunei Darussalam, commencing on the 01 January 2021.
- 2. The vision of the Brunei Darussalam Food Authority (BDFA) is to ensure that the food product in Brunei Darussalam are safe, clean and of good quality; ultimately ensuring and protecting consumer safety and health. Thus, the mission of the BDFA is to establish a robust food regulatory and safety system in Brunei to support the vision.
- 3. The objectives of the establishment of BDFA are to ensure the maximization of food safety and quality in Brunei Darussalam; to serve as a single point of contact in food related matters by consolidating the existing food related processes; and aims to catalyze the development of the local food industry to achieve international competitiveness.
- 4. The role and function of BDFA are to increase the public awareness on the food safety, standards and food labeling and to implement and facilitate training and education for the food operators and the public involved in handling or the supply of food, to enable them to minimize the risk of food contamination. The authority also plays a role in regulating the food importation and exportation, production, processing, and transportation including transits; as well as to ensure that the food supply chain from manufacturing, retail and distribution to the consumers are safe and in an orderly manner. In terms of market access, BDFA will regulate, facilitate and ensure all exporting food business operators to comply and meet relevant food safety legislation and standards as required by national food control system of the importing countries, in order to facilitate food related businesses in international trade.
- 5. In order to achieve the objective of BDFA, to serve as a single point of contact in food related matters, some functions and responsibilities of divisions and units under the purview of the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism will be consolidated into BDFA.

- 6. Stakeholder engagement with government agencies, relevant stakeholders and food business operators will be carried out in phases to introduce the roles and functions of the authority and to increase the awareness on the food related orders and regulations under the authority.
- 7. For any further enquiries and information, the public may reach BDFA at the following address and contact number:

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