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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

Revision

1.	**Notifying Member:** MACAO, CHINA **If applicable, name of local government involved:**
2.	**Agency responsible:** Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM), the Government of the Macao Special Administrative Region
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):** Food
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:** Administrative Regulation No. 27/2026 Amendment to Administrative Regulation No. 23/2018 "Maximum Limits of Heavy Metal Contaminants in Food". **Language(s):** Chinese and Portuguese. **Number of pages:** 14 https://images.bo.dsaj.gov.mo//bo/i/2026/39/rega-27-2026.pdf
6.	**Description of content:** To further safeguard public health, enhance the efficiency of risk management, and promote harmonization between local regulations and international standards, the Macao Special Administrative Region Government has amended Administrative Regulation No. 23/2018 "Maximum Limits of Heavy Metal Contaminants in Food". This amendment is based on the latest standards recommended by the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC), as well as those established by major food-supplying countries and regions. This regulation has been scrutinized through risk assessment to ensure that it adequately protect public health in Macao, China. The revised regulation establishes a total of 165 maximum limits (MLs) for specified heavy metal contaminants in specific food items, of which 92 MLs represent optimizations or new additions. A reasonable transition period of approximately 6 months will be granted following the official promulgation of the regulation. This will provide sufficient time for the food industry to adapt its importation and safety control processes, and for local testing laboratories to establish and validate the necessary analytical capabilities in accordance with the new requirements.
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)*:** General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed **[ ] 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:**
10.	**Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 18 September 2026 **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 29 September 2026
11.	**Proposed date of entry into force: [X] Six months from date of publication, and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 1 April 2027 **[ ] Trade facilitating measure**
12.	**Final date for comments: [ ] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Not applicable **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [ ] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:** For further information, please contact: Municipal Affairs Bureau Avenida de Almeida Ribeiro No. 163 Instituto para os Assuntos Municipais Tel: +(853) 8296 1111 Fax: +(853) 8296 1114 E-mail: sps-dsa@iam.gov.mo
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