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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>SOUTH AFRICA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Department of Health. Directorate: Food Control
<b>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):</b> Preparations of Meat, of Fish or of Crustaceans, Molluscs or Other Aquatic Invertebrates (HS Code: 16), Sugars and Sugar Confectionery (HS Code: 17), Cocoa and Cocoa Preparations (HS Code: 18), Malt extract; food preparations of flour, groats, meal, starch or malt extract, not containing cocoa or containing less than 40% by weight of cocoa calculated on a totally defatted basis, not elsewhere specified or included; food preparations of goods of headings 04.01 to 04.04, not containing cocoa or containing less than 5% by weight of cocoa calculated on a totally defatted basis, not elsewhere specified or included. (HS Code: 1901), Pasta, whether or not cooked or stuffed (with meat or other substances) or otherwise prepared, such as spaghetti, macaroni, noodles, lasagne, gnocchi, ravioli, cannelloni; couscous, whether or not prepared. (HS Code: 1902), Tapioca and substitutes therefor prepared from starch, in the form of flakes, grains, pearls, siftings or in similar forms. (HS Code: 1903), Prepared foods obtained by the swelling or roasting of cereals or cereal products (for example, corn flakes); cereals (other than maize (corn)) in grain form or in the form of flakes or other worked grains (except flour, groats and meal), pre-cooked, or otherwise prepared, not elsewhere specified or included. (HS Code: 1904), Bread, pastry, cakes, biscuits and other bakers' wares, whether or not containing cocoa; communion wafers, empty cachets of a kind suitable for pharmaceutical use, sealing wafers, rice paper and similar products. (HS Code: 1905), Vegetables, fruit, nuts and other edible parts of plants, prepared or preserved by vinegar or acetic acid. (HS Code: 2001), Tomatoes prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid. (HS Code: 2002), Mushrooms and truffles, prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid. (HS Code: 2003), Other vegetables prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid, frozen, other than products of heading 20.06. (HS Code: 2004), Other vegetables prepared or preserved otherwise Food Technology (ICS Code: 67), Food products in general (ICS Code: 67.040)
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Regulations relating to Maximum Levels of Metals in Foodstuffs: amendment. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 10 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/ZAF/18_3297_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/ZAF/18_3297_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The proposed Regulation makes provision for the maximum levels of metals in foodstuffs under the control of the Department of Health, in terms of the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, 1972 (Act 54 of 1972).

<b>7.</b>	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> Codex Stan 193:1995 General standard for contaminants and toxins in food and feed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Codex general standards for contaminants and toxins in food and feed, STAN 193-1995;</li> <li>- Codex commodity standards relating to packaged water, STAN 227-2001 &amp; STAN 108-1981;</li> <li>- Codex standard for infant formula and formulas for special medical purposes intended for infants, STAN 72- 1981. (available in English)</li> </ul>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 15 June 2018. After publication of the final regulations in the Government Gazette.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 15 June 2018</p>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 15 September 2018. After publication of the final regulations.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 26 August 2018</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Department of Health Directorate: Food Control Private Bag X828 Pretoria 0001 Tel: +(27 12) 395 8789 Fax: +(27 12) 395 8854 E-mail: Yvonne.Tsiane@health.gov.za and copy CACPSA@health.gov.za</p>

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