



**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>SRI LANKA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Food Control Administration Unit, Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine
<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> Food products
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Draft Food (Fish and Fish Products) Regulations 2020. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 15 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/LKA/20_0158_00_e.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/LKA/20_0158_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> These regulations set out several requirements for Fresh Fish, Chilled Fish, Frozen Fish, Canned Fish, Dried Fish, Maldive Fish, Smoked Fish, and Comminuted Fish Products and Fish (or prawn or shrimp) Paste, Fish Sauce.  According to these regulations, Fish means cold blooded (ectothermic) aquatic vertebrates including crustacean, cephalopods, molluscs and other aquatic life that is edible to human beings, harvested from marine, brackish water or fresh water sources. Fish exclude amphibians and aquatic reptiles.  These regulations prescribe the histamine level, formaldehyde level, heavy metal levels and microbiological limits for each type of fish and fish product.  The limits for food additives permitted for Quick frozen whole fish, fish fillet, minced fish and fish sticks are mentioned in Schedule I, Regulation No. 20.  The limits for food additives permitted for canned fish are mentioned in Schedule II, Regulation No. 23(xiv).  The limits for food additives permitted for Comminuted fish are mentioned in Schedule III, Regulation No. 27(iii).  The limits for food additives permitted for Fish sauce are mentioned in Schedule IV, Regulation No. 29(xi).
<b>7. 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.

<p><b>8. 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> CXS 36-1981, CXS 119-1981, CXS 165-1989, CXS 167-1989, CXS 190-1995, CXS 222-2001, CXS 302-2011, CXS 311-2013</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>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 12 March 2020</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be determined.</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 9 March 2020</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>National Notification Authority:  Dr Anil Jasinghe  Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine  No. 385, Rev. Baddegama Wimalawansa Thero Mawatha  Colombo 10  Tel: +(94 11) 269 4860  Mobile: +(94 77) 738 3758  Fax: +(94 11) 269 3869  E-mail: dghs@health.gov.lk  Website: <a href="http://www.health.gov.lk">http://www.health.gov.lk</a></p>
<p><b>13. Text(s) available from: <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:</b></p> <p>National Enquiry Point:  Dr Lakshman Gamlath  Deputy Director General, Environmental, Occupational Health &amp; Food Safety  Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine  No. 385 Rev. Baddegama Wimalawansa Thero Mawatha  Colombo 10, Sri Lanka  Tel: +(94 11) 267 2004  Fax: +(94 11) 267 2004  E-mail: ddgeohfs@health.gov.lk  codexlanka@health.gov.lk  Website: <a href="http://www.health.gov.lk">http://www.health.gov.lk</a></p>