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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>SOUTH AFRICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Department of Health, Directorate: Food Control
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): Foodstuffs containing Sodium (HS Code: 2202)
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Regulations relating to the reduction of Sodium in certain Foodstuffs and related matters: Amendment (Government Notice R. 989 of 6 September 2016). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 5 http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/ZAF/16_4056_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: The Regulations make provision for the reduction of Sodium in certain Foodstuffs and related matters under the control of the Department of Health, in terms of the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, 1972 (Act 54 of 1972) to comply with the implementation of the (a) Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health, and (b) Global strategy for the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, as well as related matters (labelling), as outlined in these regulations.
7. Objective and rationale: <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.
8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard: (a) Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health, and (b) Global Action Plan for the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases, as well as related matters (labelling), as outlined in these regulations.

9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Regulations relating to the reduction of Sodium in certain Foodstuffs and related matters (Government Notice R. 214 of 20 March 2013); Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health, 2004; Global Action Plan for the prevention and control of non-communicable diseases 2013-2020 (available in English)
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): After final publication of the regulations in the Government Gazette. This is not expected before 31 December 2016. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 31 December 2016
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Measure will enter into force for the different categories of foodstuffs as in Column IV of table 1 of the proposed regulations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 30 November 2016 Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <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: Department of Health Directorate: Food Control Private Bag X828 Pretoria 0001 Tel: +(27 12) 395 8789 Fax: +(27 12) 395 8854 E-mail: CACPSA@health.gov.za
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: Department of Health Directorate: Food Control Private Bag X828 Pretoria 0001 Tel: +(27 12) 395 8789 Fax: +(27 12) 395 8854 E-mail: CACPSA@health.gov.za Website: http://www.health.gov.za/index.php/shortcodes/2015-03-29-10-42-47/2015-04-30-09-10-23/2015-04-30-09-11-35/category/36-documents-for-comment