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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	<p>Notifying Member: <u>CHILE</u></p> <p>If applicable, name of local government involved:</p>
2.	<p>Agency responsible: <i>Ministerio de Salud</i> (Ministry of Health)</p>
3.	<p>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</p>
4.	<p>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:</p>
5.	<p>Title of the notified document: <i>Modificación del Artículo 173 del Reglamento Sanitario de Los Alimentos, Decreto Supremo N° 977/96 del Ministerio de Salud</i> (Amendment to Article 173 of the Food Health Regulations, Supreme Decree No. 977/96 of the Ministry of Health) Language(s): Spanish Number of pages: 5</p>
6.	<p>Description of content: The notified proposal sets out an amendment to Article 173 ("Microbiological Specifications by Food Group") of the Food Health Regulations.</p> <p>The first table of microbiological specifications subject to the proposed amendment is Table 9.1.- DRIED FORMULA FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 MONTHS OLD. This table has been amended to include microbiological parameters for <i>Cronobacter sakazakii</i>. No other parameters have been changed.</p> <p>Subdivisions have been introduced in some tables, following minor changes to food classification specifications. Table 14.2.- PRE-PROCESSED EDIBLE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES READY FOR CONSUMPTION will be changed to 14.2.- PRE-PROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES and subdivided into two categories:</p> <p>14.2.1.- Pre-processed edible fruits and vegetables ready for consumption (proposal submitted for public consultation)</p> <p>14.2.2.- Pre-processed edible fruits and vegetables that require cooking (no proposal as yet)</p> <p>It should be noted that pre-processed fruits and vegetables are taken to mean fruits and vegetables, whether or not combined, that are processed for consumption in such a way as to be kept organoleptically fresh through actions such as the removal of non-edible parts, chopping, slicing, grinding, dicing, centrifuging, sanitization and packaging, the shelf life of which is prolonged through the reduction and control of microbiological content and the use of packaging and other technological processes.</p> <p>In light of the above, amendments have also been made to Table 15.2. - MEALS AND MIXED DISHES WITH RAW AND/OR COOKED INGREDIENTS, INCLUDING SANDWICHES, so as to ensure the consistency of the applicable microbiological criteria.</p>

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.	<p>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text) Code of Hygienic Practice for Powdered Formulae for Infants and Young Children (CAC/RCP 66 - 2008)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM No.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
9.	Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: The Codex Alimentarius and European Union regulations were used for reference purposes.
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): Upon publication in the Official Journal.</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 80 days from the date of circulation of the notification.</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): Upon publication in the Official Journal.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 10 December 2016</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Email: sps.chile@sag.gob.cl</p>
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