



NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: BANGLADESH If applicable, name of local government involved: Bangladesh Food Safety Authority
2. Agency responsible:
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: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Draft Food Safety (Determination and Control of Microbiological Contaminants) Regulations, 2023. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 28 https://bfsa.portal.gov.bd/site/page/5c9a762e-a153-4c05-86f9-1f1bd84ed38a
6. Description of content: The draft regulation on Determination and Control of Microbiological Contaminants describes the maximum allowable limit of microbial contaminants in different food stuffs with some general provisions regarding tolerable levels of microbial contaminants in food, use of specifications and restrictions, stages of the appliance of the Microbiological Criteria, general guideline for sampling, testing of food samples, sampling plan and interpretation. These regulations contain nine schedules where schedule 1 to 8 elaborates schedule containing the name of the food, the scientific name of the microorganism, the number of food samples, the number of acceptable samples based on the presence or level of the microorganism, the tolerable level of the specific microorganism present in the sample and the test method for determining the presence or tolerance level of a specific microorganism in meat and meat products, fruits vegetables and their products, spices and herbs, egg and egg products, ready to eat food, fish and fishery products, milk and milk products, potable water respectively. Additionally, schedule 9 describes the reference test methods.
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): CXG 21-1997 <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 type="checkbox"/> None

<p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <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:
10.	Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): To be determined. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): To be determined.
11.	Proposed date of entry into force: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): They shall come into force after 6 months from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette. <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 9 January 2024 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: Sourav Singha Scientific Officer (Certification section) Bangladesh Food Safety Authority BSL Office Complex (Building-2) 119, Kazi Nazrul Islam Avenue, Shahbagh, Dhaka-1000 Tel: +(880 22) 2222 7596 Mobile: +(880 16) 7639 7266 Email: sps@bfsa.gov.bd Website: http://www.bfsa.gov.bd/ https://bfsa.portal.gov.bd/site/page/5c9a762e-a153-4c05-86f9-1f1bd84ed38a
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