

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

<b>1. Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>SOUTH AFRICA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Department of Health
<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> Foodstuffs containing metals as stipulated
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Any country importing food products into South Africa
<b>5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Regulation Relating to Maximum Levels for Metals in Foodstuffs: Amendment (Government Notice R.358). (3 pages, available in English)
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Regulates the maximum limits for certain metals in specific foodstuffs
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" 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. International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> Office International des Epizooties, <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b> Codex standards/ guidelines: CS 19-1981(rev.1999), CS 161-1989, CS 87-1981, CS 108-1981(rev. 2001), CAC/GL 39-2001, CS 164-1989, CS 230-2001, CAC/GL 7-1991
<b>9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Government Gazette No. 25015 dated 14 March 2003 (available in English).
<b>10. Proposed date of adoption:</b> When the final amendments to the regulations are published in the Government Gazette. This is not expected before November 2003.
<b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> On publication of the final regulations as published in the Government Gazette.

**12. Final date for comments:** 14 August 2003

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