

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>SOUTH AFRICA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Department of Health Directorate: Food Control
3.	<b>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> Maximum levels of Melamine in foodstuffs
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners, or <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Regulations Relating to the Maximum Levels of Melamine in Foodstuffs (Government Notice R. 61 dated 28 January 2009) <b>Language:</b> English <b>Number of pages:</b> 1
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> Determining legal limits for Melamine present in foodstuffs, namely infant foods and foods for special dietary uses (1mg/kg), as well as for all other foodstuffs (2.5mg/kg).
7.	<b>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.
8.	<b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission ( <i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) ( <i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention ( <i>e.g. ISPM N*</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> None

<p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p> <p>WHO Report as a guidance on melamine levels in food.  [Melamine and Cyanuric acid: Toxicity, Preliminary Risk Assessment and Guidance on levels in food (25 September 2008 -updated 30 October 2008)] Report published on 30 October 2008</p>	
<b>9.</b>	<b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Government Gazette No. 31819 of 28 January 2009 (available in English)
<b>10.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> After final publication of the regulations in the Government Gazette. This is not expected before 28 July 2009.  <b>Propose date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): With immediate effect.  <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure
<b>12.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 28 April 2009  <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <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:  Directorat; Food Control Department of Health Private Bag X828 Pretoria 0001 - South Africa Tel: +(27 12) 312 0185 Fax: +(27 12) 312 3180 E-mail: dupless@health.gov.za
<b>13.</b>	<b>Texts available from:</b> <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:  Also available on webpage of the Directorate: Food Control at: <a href="http://www.doh.gov.za/departement/dir_foodcontr-f.html">http://www.doh.gov.za/departement/dir_foodcontr-f.html</a>