

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>SOUTH AFRICA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Department of Health, Directorate: Food Control
<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 sweeteners
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Regulations Relating to the Use of Sweeteners in Foodstuffs and Related Matters: Draft Regulations (Government Notice R. 880 of 21 October 2011) <b>Language(s):</b> English <b>Number of pages:</b> 5 <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2011/sps/ZAF/11_3849_00_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2011/sps/ZAF/11_3849_00_e.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The Regulations provide for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- the use of sweeteners in foodstuffs to comply with the standards of composition, strength and quality as specified by these regulations and the World Health Regulation's (WHO) Joint Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA).</li><li>- the use of sweeteners to be permitted according to the provisions for sweeteners as outlined in the General Standard of Food Additives (GSFA) - Codex STAN 192-1995.</li><li>- related matters (labelling), as outlined in these regulations.</li></ul>
<b>7. 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.
<b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text) GSFA (General Standard for Food Additives - Codex Stan 192-1995)

<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)</b> (<i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention</b> (<i>e.g. ISPM number</i>)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Government Gazette No. 34699 of 21 October 2011 (available in English)</p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> After final publication of the regulations in the Government Gazette. This is not expected before 30 April 2012.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 30 April 2012</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 13 January 2012</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>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</p>
<p><b>13. Texts available from:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>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</p>