

# 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> Irradiated foodstuffs
4.	<b>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:
5.	<b>Title of the notified document:</b> Regulations Governing Irradiated Foodstuffs: Draft Amendment (Government Notice R. 519 of 23 July 2012) <b>Language(s):</b> English <b>Number of pages:</b> 13 <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2012/sps/ZAF/12_3138_00_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2012/sps/ZAF/12_3138_00_e.pdf</a> <a href="http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2012/sps/ZAF/12_3138_01_e.pdf">http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2012/sps/ZAF/12_3138_01_e.pdf</a>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The Guidelines for Monitoring Irradiated Foodstuffs in South Africa provides background information on food irradiation, and also explains the roles of the different sectors of government in South Africa in regards to food irradiation. The purpose of the amendment is to give the Guidelines for Monitoring Irradiated Foodstuffs in South Africa a legal and binding stand. Careful adherence to these guidelines by all stakeholders will serve to uphold the current position whereby the South African food irradiation industry operates within a minimum of regulations but within the principles of Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) and Good Irradiation Practice (GIP).
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.

8.	<p><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission</b> (<i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i>)</p> <p>Codex General Standard for Irradiated Foods [CODEX STAN 106-1983, (Rev.1-2003)]</p> <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>
9.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> Government Gazette No. 35518 of 23 July 2012 (available in English)</p>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> After publication of the final regulations in the Government Gazette. This is not expected before 31 December 2012</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> January 2013</p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): After publication of the final regulations</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 31 October 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. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Department of Health  Directorate: Food Control  Private Bag X828  Pretoria  South Africa  0001  Tel: +(27) 12 3958789  Fax: +(27) 12 3958854  E-mail: CACPSA@health.gov.za</p>

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