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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures
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NOTIFICATION

1.	**Notifying Member:** SOUTH AFRICA	
	If applicable, name of local government involved:	
2.	**Agency responsible:** Department of Health. Directorate: Food Control	
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):** HS Code: 16; HS Code: 17; HS Code: 18; HS Code: 1901; HS Code: 1902; HS Code: 1903; HS Code: 1904; HS Code: 2001; HS Code: 2002; HS Code: 2003; HS Code: 2004; ICS Code: 67	
4.	**Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**	
	[X] **All trading partners**	
	[ ] **Specific regions or countries:**	
5.	**Title of the notified document:** Regulations relating to Maximum Levels of Metals in Foodstuffs. **Language(s):** English. **Number of pages:** 9	
	http://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2016/SPS/ZAF/16_3892_00_e.pdf	
6.	**Description of content:** The proposed Regulations make provision for the maximum levels of metals in foodstuffs under the control of the Department of Health, in terms of the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, 1972 (Act No. 54 of 1972).	
7.	**Objective and rationale:** [X] food safety, [ ] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [ ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests.	
8.	**Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:**	
	[X] **Codex Alimentarius Commission** *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)***:** Codex STAN 193:1995 General standard for contaminants and toxins in food and feed	
	[ ] **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)** *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)***:**	
	[ ] **International Plant Protection Convention** *(e.g. ISPM number)***:**	
	[ ] **None**	
	Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?	
	[X] Yes [ ] No	
	If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:	

9.	**Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** – Codex commodity standards relating to packaged water, STAN 227:2001 and STAN 108:1981 – Codex standard for infant formula and formulas for special medical purposed intended for infants, STAN 72:1981
10.	**Proposed date of adoption** *(dd/mm/yy)***:** Three months after publication of the final regulations in the Government Gazette. **Proposed date of publication** *(dd/mm/yy)***:** 31 May 2017
11.	**Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** *(dd/mm/yy)***:** After publication of the final regulations. **[ ] Trade facilitating measure**
12.	**Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or** *(dd/mm/yy)***:** 21 November 2016 **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [ ] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:** Department of Health Directorate: Food Control Private Bag X828 Pretoria 0001 Tel: +(27 12) 395 8779 Fax: +(27 12) 395 8854 E-mail: TsianY@health.gov.za and copy: CACPSA@health.gov.za
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