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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>SOUTH AFRICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Department of Trade and Industry
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): Canned fish, canned marine molluscs and canned crustaceans and products derived therefrom
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Amendment of the Compulsory Specification for canned fish, canned marine molluscs and canned crustaceans and products derived therefrom, VC 8014. Language(s): English. Number of pages: 13 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2017/SPS/ZAF/17_5410_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: This Compulsory Specification requires that canned fish, canned marine molluscs and canned crustaceans and products derived therefrom, for human consumption, which are to be offered for sale, comply with this Compulsory Specification and the requirements of the latest edition of the South African National Standard (SANS) 587 that apply to the manufacture, production, processing, and treatment of the products covered by this specification. The hygiene requirements for the product, as well as chemical and microbiological contaminant requirements for the product, and the requirements for employees at the packing facility, shall comply with the requirements of the latest edition of SANS 587.
7. Objective and rationale: <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. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): Codex Code of Practice for fish and fishery products <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): <input type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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:	SANS (South African National Standard) 587 Canned fish, canned marine molluscs and canned crustaceans, and products derived therefrom (available in English)
10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):	After all comments are taken into consideration.
Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):	After all comments are taken into consideration.
11. Proposed date of entry into force: [X] Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):	
[] Trade facilitating measure	
12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):	5 February 2018
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