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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 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): Food for human consumption
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: Regulations Governing General Hygiene Requirements for Food Premises, the Transport of Food and Related Matters (Government Notice R.638 of 22 June 2018). Language(s): English. Number of pages: 38 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2018/SPS/ZAF/18_3320_00_e.pdf
6. Description of content: These new Regulations has been compiled to govern the handling, transportation, storage and sale of foodstuffs to the general public of South Africa by food-producing establishments in order to protect the consumers against any potential risk of contracting food poisoning or a food-borne illness. The new Regulations provide for updates in respect of, <i>inter alia</i> , inclusions, deletions, modifications of definitions, deletion of sections no longer relevant, and movement of certain Regulations to enhance clarity. In addition, hygienic requirements for appliances, bulk milk tanks and butchery equipment have been included, as well as provisions for the hygienic transportation of meat and meat products. The review also included alignment with Codex Alimentarius and other international scientific developments e.g. from the World Health Organisation such as the 5 Keys to Safe Foods to ensure South African Food Legislation is current and based on international norms and standards.
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.

<p>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): Codex General Principles of Food Hygiene [CAC/RCP 1- 1969, ((Rev. 4 – 2009)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): Not Applicable. Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): Not Applicable.</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): These Regulations are effective from 22 June 2018, with the exception of Regulations 3(11) (b), 6(7) and 10(1)(a) which will be effective from 22 June 2019.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Not Applicable.</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] 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 0001 Tel: +(27 12) 395 8789 Fax: +(27 12) 395 8854 E-mail: Shirley.duPlessis@health.gov.za and copy CACPSA@health.gov.za</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, [X] 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 0001 Tel: +(27 12) 395 9359 Fax: +(27 12) 395 8854 Website: http://www.health.gov.za/fl.php E-mail: Shirley.duPlessis@health.gov.za and copy CACPSA@health.gov.za</p>