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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Notifying Member: <u>CHILE</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: <i>Ministerio de Salud</i> (Ministry of Health) Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: <i>Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores</i> (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Food for human consumption
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: <i>Modificación del artículo N°160 del Reglamento Sanitario de los Alimentos respecto a los límites máximos de arsénico y mercurio en alimentos, Decreto Supremo N° 977/96 del Ministerio de Salud</i> (Amendment to Article 160 of the Food Health Regulations, Supreme Decree No. 977/96 of the Ministry of Health, in respect of maximum limits for arsenic and mercury in food) (3 pages, in Spanish)
6.	Description of content: The Ministry of Health of Chile has deemed it necessary to review and update Title IV, paragraph I, of the Food Health Regulations (RSA), which establishes the maximum permissible limits for heavy metals in food. Heavy metals are regulated by Article 160 of the Food Health Regulations. This Article covers nine metals: arsenic, cadmium, copper, tin, iron, mercury, lead, selenium and zinc. Since examining these metals is a highly complex task, it was decided to work in stages. Arsenic and mercury were reviewed in 2015. Certain limits applicable to previously regulated foods have been removed from the list, as current scientific evidence rules out the existence of any risk associated with these products. The proposed list is therefore much shorter than before. No changes have been made to the Article's introductory text, only to the limits that follow.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Human health
8.	Relevant documents: Supreme Decree No. 977/96 of the Ministry of Health

9. Proposed date of adoption: -

Proposed date of entry into force: -

10. Final date for comments: 60 days from the date of notification.

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:

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