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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>SOUTH AFRICA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Department 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: 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
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): Preparations of meat, of fish or of crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates (HS: 16), Sugars and sugar confectionery (HS: 17), Cocoa and cocoa preparations (HS: 18), Malt extract; food preparations of flour, groats, meal, starch or malt extract, not containing cocoa or containing less than 40 % by weight of cocoa calculated on a totally defatted basis, not elsewhere specified or included; food preparations of goods of headings 04.01 to 04.04, not containing cocoa or containing less than 5 % by weight of cocoa calculated on a totally defatted basis, not elsewhere specified or included (HS: 1901), Pasta, whether or not cooked or stuffed (with meat or other substances) or otherwise prepared, such as spaghetti, macaroni, noodles, lasagne, gnocchi, ravioli, cannelloni; couscous, whether or not prepared (HS: 1902), Tapioca and substitutes there for prepared from starch, in the form of flakes, grains, pearls, siftings or in similar forms (HS: 1903), Prepared foods obtained by the swelling or roasting of cereals or cereal products (for example, corn flakes); cereals (other than maize (corn)) in grain form or in the form of flakes or other worked grains (except flour, groats and meal), pre-cooked, or otherwise prepared, not elsewhere specified or included (HS: 1904), Bread, pastry, cakes, biscuits and other bakers' wares, whether or not containing cocoa; communion wafers, empty cachets of a kind suitable for pharmaceutical use, sealing wafers, rice paper and similar products (HS: 1905), Vegetables, fruit, nuts and other edible parts of plants, prepared or preserved by vinegar or acetic acid (HS: 2001), Tomatoes prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid (HS: 2002), Mushrooms and truffles, prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid (HS: 2003), Other vegetables prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid, frozen, other than products of heading 20.06 (HS: 2004), Other vegetables prepared or preserved otherwise Food technology (ICS: 67), Food products in general (ICS: 67.040)

5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Regulations relating to Maximum Levels of Metals in Foodstuffs (9 pages, in English)
6.	Description of content: The proposed Regulation makes 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 54 of 1972)
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Protection of human health or safety
8.	Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Codex general standards for contaminants and toxins in food and feed, STAN 193-1995 • Codex commodity standards relating to packaged water, STAN 227-2001 & STAN 108- 1981 • Codex standard for infant formula and formulas for special medical purposed intended for infants, STAN 72-1981
9.	Proposed date of adoption: After all comments are taken into considerations Proposed date of entry into force: After all comments are taken into considerations
10.	Final date for comments: 13 December 2016
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body: