

**GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1.	Party to Agreement notifying: <u>REPUBLIC OF KOREA</u>		
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Health and Social Affairs (MOHSA)		
3.	Notified under Article 2.5.2 [X], 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], other:		
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Marine fish and shellfish		
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Amendment to the Book of Foods Concerning Revision of Maximum Limits for Total Mercury in Marine Fish and Shellfish		
6.	Description of content:	<u>Current</u>	<u>Amendment (draft)</u>
	Total Mercury	0.7 mg./kg.	0.5 mg./kg.
7.	Objective and rationale: To reduce health risks related to consumption of marine fish and shellfish.		
8.	Relevant documents: MOHSA Advance Notice (No. 1994-16) dated 12 March 1994		
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: To be announced		
10.	Final date for comments: 11 June 1994		
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: International Cooperation Division Ministry of Health and Social Affairs #1 Choongang dong, Kwachon City Kyonggi-do, Korea Fax: 82 2 504 6418 Tel: 82 2 503 7524		

ANNEX**Revision of Maximum Limits for Total Mercury in Marine Fish and Shellfish**

Item	Current	Proposed amendment
Total mercury	0.7 mg/kg	0.5 mg/kg

Remark: This standard is not applied to the items below:

- **Sebastes Sp. alfonso, beryoid fish, queen crab, whelk, blue fin tuna albacore, bigeye tuna, yellow fin tuna, sail-fish, spear fish, black marine, white marine, sword fish, skip jack tuna, little tuna, bullet mackerel, frigate mackerel, plain bonito (oreynopsis uni olor), blue ling (molva dipterygia), Atlantic catfish (anarcticus lupus), pike (esox lucius), scabbard fishes (lepidopus caudatus, apbanopus coelolepis), anglerfish (lophius spp), sharks (all species) and others are recognized as deep marine fish and shellfish.**