NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** NEPAL**If applicable, name of local government involved:**  |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Department of Food Technology and Quality Control, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Kathmandu, Nepal |
| **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):** Fruits, vegetables, fruit juice, canned fruits and vegetables, cereal grains, infant food, fish and meat, dairy products, vegetable fat spread, fats and oil, sea food, eggs, cocoa products, favored ice popsicles |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:****[****X]** **All trading partners** **[****]** **Specific regions or countries:**  |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** Proposed maximum limit of heavy metal in food.**Language(s):** Nepali. **Number of pages:** 21[http://www.spsenquiry.gov.np/english/notificationdetail/13/2022/92959846](http://www.spsenquiry.gov.np/english/notificationdetail/13/2022/92959846%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)<https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/NPL/22_4609_00_x.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The Department of Food Technology and Quality Control under the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development of Nepal has proposed the maximum limit of heavy metals in different food and food products to protect consumer health and ensure fair trade. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [****X]****food safety, [****]****animal health, [****]****plant protection, [****]****protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [****]****protect territory from other damage from pests.**  |
| **8.** | **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:****[****X]** **Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*:** CXS 193-1995**[****]** **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:** **[****]** **International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*:** **[****]** **None****Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?** **[****X]** **Yes [****]** **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:**   |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** After publication in the Nepal Gazette.**Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:**  |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [****]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** After publication in the Nepal Gazette.**[****X]** **Trade facilitating measure**  |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [****X]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 17 September 2022**Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [****X]****National Notification Authority, [****X]****National Enquiry Point.** **Address, fax number and e‑mail address (if available) of other body:** Mr Mohan Krishna MaharjanSenior Food Research OfficerSPS Enquiry PointDepartment of Food Technology and Quality ControlKathmandu, NepalE-mail: info.dftqc@spsenquiry.gov.np mkmaharjan@gmail.comMs Radha Devi SharmaFood Research OfficerNational SPS Notification AuthorityMinistry of Agriculture and Livestock DevelopmentE-mail: internationaltrade.moad@gmail.com sharmadradha@gmail.com |
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