



**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>HONG KONG, CHINA</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Environment and Ecology Bureau and Centre for Food Safety of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
<b>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):</b> Food for human consumption
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Consultation Document on Proposed Amendments to the Food Adulteration (Metallic Contamination) Regulations (Cap.132V). <b>Language(s):</b> Chinese and English. <b>Number of pages:</b> Chinese - 19, English - 20  In English: <a href="https://www.cfs.gov.hk/english/whatsnew/whatsnew_fstr/whatsnew_fstr_PA_Food_Adulteration_Metallic_Contamination_2.html">https://www.cfs.gov.hk/english/whatsnew/whatsnew_fstr/whatsnew_fstr_PA_Food_Adulteration_Metallic_Contamination_2.html</a>  In Chinese: <a href="https://www.cfs.gov.hk/tc_chi/whatsnew/whatsnew_fstr/whatsnew_fstr_PA_Food_Adulteration_Metallic_Contamination_2.html">https://www.cfs.gov.hk/tc_chi/whatsnew/whatsnew_fstr/whatsnew_fstr_PA_Food_Adulteration_Metallic_Contamination_2.html</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> With a view to better protecting public health, facilitating effective regulation and promoting harmonisation between local and international standards, the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region proposes, through legislative amendments, to update the Food Adulteration (Metallic Contamination) Regulations (Cap. 132V, Laws of Hong Kong). The proposed amendments aim to keep abreast of international development on maximum levels (MLs) of metallic contaminants in food by adding twenty-seven new MLs for specified metal in specified food (food pair) and updating nine MLs for existing food pairs, with reference to latest standards of Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex) and major food importing places.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>food safety</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>animal health</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>plant protection</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease</b> , <input type="checkbox"/> <b>protect territory from other damage from pests.</b>

<p><b>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> CODEX CXS 193-1995</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
<p><b>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be notified.</p> <p><b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be notified.</p>
<p><b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> To be notified.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<p><b>12. Final date for comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy):</b> 16 February 2025</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>National Notification Authority,</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>Centre for Food Safety  Food and Environmental Hygiene Department  43/F, Queensway Government Offices  66 Queensway, Hong Kong, China  Fax: +(852) 2893 3547  E-mail: <a href="mailto:metal_consultation@fehd.gov.hk">metal_consultation@fehd.gov.hk</a></p>
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