NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** Macao, China  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM), The Government of the Macao Special Administrative Region |
| **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):** Food |
| **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:** Regulamento Administrativo nº 23/2018 Limites máximos de metais pesados contaminantes em géneros alimentícios (Administrative Regulation No. 23/2018 Maximum Limits of Heavy Metal Contaminants in Food). **Language(s):** Chinese and Portuguese. **Number of pages:** 9  <http://images.io.gov.mo/bo/i/2018/36/rega-23-2018.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** *The Administrative Regulation No. 23/2018 Maximum Limits of Heavy Metal Contaminants in Food* is a food safety standard that establishes the maximum levels of heavy metal contaminants presenting in various foodstuffs. In this administrative regulation, the term "heavy metal contaminants" refers to elements or chemical compounds of heavy metals which contaminate foodstuffs; "maximum limits" are defined as maximum levels of heavy metals contaminants, expressed in mg/kg or mg/L, legally established for the edible part of food products.  The administrative regulation stipulates that levels of specified heavy metal contaminants, including arsenic, cadmium, lead, mercury and tin and their compounds in a variety of food, shall conform to the limits listed in this regulation. |
| **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)*:**Codex Stan 193-1995 General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food and Feed  **[ ]** **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?**  **[ ]** **Yes [****X] No**  **If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:** The proposed regulation has made reference to the relevant Codex standard. On the same time, based on the fact that the majority of imported primary agricultural produce in the local market are sourced from China, this standard has made reference to the Chinese national standard for contaminants in food and corresponding national standards of major exporting countries, in addition to the Codex standards. |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 10 August 2018  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** 3 September 2018 |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ]****Six months from date of publication**, **and/or** ***(dd/mm/yy)*:** 4 September 2018  **[ ]** **Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [ ]****Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*:** Not applicable  **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [ ]****National Notification Authority, [****X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:** |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [ ]****National Notification Authority, [****X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:** |