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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Health and Standardization Administration of China
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): ICS 67.120.30
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All countries and regions
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Hygienic standard for canned fish (available in Chinese, 5 pages)
6. Description of content: This standard stipulates the requirements of index, food additives, hygienic requirements in processing, marking, packaging, storage, transportation and determination methods of canned fish. This standard applies to canned products with a degree of vacuum made from fresh (frozen) fish, which are disposed, chosen, napped, processed, canned (including tin jar, glass jar, complex film jar and other wrapper container), airproofed, sterilized and cooled.
7. Objective and rationale: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8. International standard, guideline or recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health, <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input type="checkbox"/> None If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations: The former standard did not regulated limits for methyl mercury. The limits for tin in former standard is $\leq 200\text{mg/kg}$. But in CAC, there are tinning can and other wrapper can. According to CAC standards, the modified standard added limits for methyl mercury: edible fishes $\leq 1.0\text{mg/kg}$, non-edible fishes $\leq 0.5\text{mg/kg}$; limits for tin: tinning can $\leq 250\text{mg/kg}$, other can $\leq 50\text{mg/kg}$.
9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Chinese GB 2733 Hygienic standards for fresh, frozen aquatic products of animal origin GB 2760 Hygienic standards for uses of food additives GB 4789.26 Microbiological examination of food hygiene, Examination of commercial sterilization of canned food GB/T 5009.11 Determination of total and inorganic arsenic in foods GB/T 5009.12 Determination of lead in foods

<p>GB/T 5009.14 Determination of zinc in foods GB/T 5009.15 Determination of cadmium in foods GB/T 5009.16 Determination of tin in foods GB/T 5009.17 Determination of total and organic mercury in foods GB/T 5009.27 Determination of benzo(a)pyrene in foods GB/T 5009.45 Method for analysis of hygienic standard of fish and other aquatic products GB/T 5009.90 Determination of iron, magnesium and manganese in foods GB/T 5009.190 Determination of polychlorinated biphenyl in seafoods GB 7718 The universal standard of food labels GB 8950 Hygienic specifications of can factory</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption: To be determined</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: 6 months after adoption</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: Sixty days after the date of notification Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [] National notification authority, [X] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>
<p>13. Texts available from: [] National notification authority, [X] National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:</p>