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Report Highlights:

This is an UNOFFICIAL translation of the People's Republic of China DRAFT Standard for PCBs in Sea Foods and should be used as a guide only. Exporters should carefully discuss regulations and their application with Chinese importers to ensure that their interpretation is accurate.

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Introduction

The People's Republic of China Ministry of Health (MOH) published DRAFT versions of several National Standards in August 2002 on the MOH website (www.moh.gov.cn). This document is an UNOFFICIAL translation of a National Standard that appeared on that website.

The MOH has not published a final version to this DRAFT therefore, the previous standard is still valid. National Standards that are abbreviated 'GB' and issued by MOH are compulsory standards that both China's domestic goods and goods imported into China must satisfy. MOH standards abbreviated 'GB/T' are voluntary.

At this time, U.S. industry and government officials are invited to offer comments on the DRAFTED National Standard. Questions and comments should be submitted to the USDA FAS International Trade Policy Office of Food Safety and Technical Services by fax (202-690-0677) or by email "ofsts@fas.usda.gov" and "roseanne.freese@usda.gov". Individuals/organizations offering comments are requested to 'cc' the U.S. Embassy Office of Agricultural Affairs by fax (86-10-6532-2962) or by email "AgBeijing@fas.usda.gov".

Once finalized, the Standard will replace GB 9674-1988 Standard of Maximum Levels of Polychlorobiphenyls (PCBs) in Sea Foods.

Items noted in the DRAFT for Maximum Levels of PCBs in Sea Foods

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Comparing this STANDARD with GB 9674-1988, the main modifications are:

- The original standard takes PCB1 and PCB5 as the objectives for its analyses, while this standard takes the sum total of PCB28, PCB52, PCB101, PCB118, PCB138, PCB153 and PCB180;
- This DRAFT adds two maximum limit indices for PCB138 and PCB153.

Standard of Maximum Levels of Polychlorobiphenyls (PCBs) in Sea Foods

1. Scope

This standard has specified the maximum levels of Polychlorobiphenyls (PCBs) in seafood. This standard applies to the edible parts of marine produced fish, shellfish, shrimp and algae.

2. Documents Cited by this Standard

The clauses in the following documents that were cited by this Standard became clauses of this Standard. For cited documents with a date, all their subsequent modifications or revisions do not apply to this Standard. However, parties having reached an agreement based on cited standards with a date are encouraged to study whether the latest versions of the cited documents with a date are applicable. For cited documents without a date, the latest versions apply to this Standard.

GB/T 5009.190 Determination of Polychlorobiphenyls in Seafood

3. Technical Requirements

Standard of the maximum levels of Polychlorobiphenyls in seafood should be in compliance with the regulations in Table 1.

Table 1. Standard of the maximum levels of Polychlorobiphenyls in seafood

Items	Max. Levels (MLs), mg/kg		
	Polychlorobiphenyls ^{a)}	PCB138	PCB153
Edible parts of marine produced fish, shellfish, shrimp and algae	2	0.5	0.5
^{a)} Takes the sum total of PCB28, PCB52, PCB101, PCB118, PCB138, PCB153 and PCB180			

4. Inspection Method

Determined according to methods specified in GB/T 5009.190.

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