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Report Highlights:

On November 13, 2023, Taiwan notified the WTO of a new draft amendment for Sanitation Standards for Contaminants and Toxins in Food (G/SPS/N/TPKM/621). This report contains highlights from the draft as well as a link to the full notification. The expected implementation date is July 1, 2024. Affected food products include infant formula, nuts, oilseeds, and chocolate.

General Information:

Taiwan’s Food and Drug Administration (TFDA), under the Ministry of Health and Welfare, regulates limits for heavy metals and other contaminants in food products. On November 13, 2023, TFDA released a draft regulatory amendment for Sanitation Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food (which was notified to the WTO as [SPS/TPKM/621](#)). The expected implementation date for the amendment is July 1, 2024.

The amendment includes new or modified maximum limits for heavy metals in certain foods. Some affected items include infant formula, nuts, chocolate, and animal offal. A selection of some of the changes included in the amendment are copied below. An English version of the complete draft amendment is attached to this report.

Heavy Metal	Code	Foodstuffs	Maximum Limit (mg/kg)	Note	
Lead (Pb)	2.4.2	Edible offal of cattle and sheep	0.2	Reduce maximum limit for animal offal (currently 0.5 ppm)	
	2.4.3	Edible offal of pigs	0.15		
	2.4.4	Edible offal of poultry	0.1		
	2.10.1	Infant formula, follow-up infant formula, and young child formula	0.02	Reduce maximum limit (Currently 0.05 ppm)	
	2.10.4	Drinks which labelled and sold to infant and young child, except of food stuffs marketed as liquid listed in 2.10.1 &2.10.2	0.02	Reduce maximum limit (Currently 0.03 ppm)	
Cadmium (Cd)	3.2.10.1	Pine nuts	0.3	New	
	3.2.10.2	Other tree nuts	0.2	New	
	3.2.10.4	Rape Seeds	0.15	New	
	3.2.10.5	Mustard Seeds	0.3	New	
	3.2.10.6	Linseed and sunflower seed	0.5	New	
	3.2.10.7	Other oilseeds	0.1	New	
	3.6.4	Young child formula-manufactured from plant protein isolates other than soya protein isolates, alone or in a mixture with cow’s protein			
			-Marketed as liquid	0.01	New
			-Marketed as powder	0.02	New
	3.6.5	Drinks for infants and young children labelled and sold as such, other than marketed as liquids those mentioned in	0.02	New	

		3.6.1, 3.6.2, 3.6.4		
	3.8	Chocolate		
		-containing $\geq 50\%$ to $< 70\%$ total cocoa solids on a dry matter basis	0.8	New
		-containing $\geq 70\%$ total cocoa solids on a dry matter basis	0.9	New

N.B. The attached draft regulation contains the exact English text as notified by Taiwan. FAS is not responsible for any errors that may be contained therein.

Attachments:

[TPKM 621 Draft Sanitation Standards for Contaminants and Toxins in Food \(English\).pdf](#)