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Italy - A request to amend product specification for “Squacquerone di Romagna DOP”

Note of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry - July 4, 2016

Through this Note, the Ministry informs on the proposal made by the relevant Association aiming at changing the product specification of “Squacquerone di Romagna DOP”. The main changes concern the request to enter the “pezzata rossa italiana” (an Italian cattle breed), the salting parameters of the product in the several production stages, and the updating of some organoleptic parameters to even better define product characteristics. The Ministry announces that any observations and the relevant reasons to this proposal should be submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture Food and Forestry Policies - Department of food quality, horse and fishing competitive policies within thirty days from the date of publication of the proposal

Source: Official Journal no. 154 - July 4, 2016

Sanctioning regime: Since it is a request to amend product specification whose approval is still pending, no sanctions apply

Date of entry into force: 04/07/2016

Wine

Italy - Colli Bolognesi DOC, Rubicone IGT, Colli d’Imola DOC wines: temporary labels authorized

Decrees nos. 16A04908, 16A04909, 16A04910 of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry - June 14, 2016

According to Ministerial Decree dd. Dec. 23, 2015, the authorization for temporary labels as per art. 72 of Reg. no. 607/2009 for the wines Colli Bolognesi (denomination of controlled origin), Rubicone (typical geographical indication), Colli d’Imola (denomination of controlled origin) was granted for all productions obtained in conformity with the proposals to amend product specifications which are attached to the three decrees.

Source: Official Journal no. 154 - July 4, 2016

Sanctioning regime: Sanctions do not change

Date of entry into force: 19/07/2016

Organic products; Tomato (sauce); Cereals: Rice; Beer

Italy - Home-made beer, products derived from tomato processing and rice: to be published in the Official Journal

Note of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry - July 6, 2016

The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry announced that the Senate approved the document on agriculture which was already approved by the Parliament. One of the many innovations is that Italian legislation accepts the definition of home-made beer for the first time, -that is the “beer produced by small independent breweries, a beer which does not undergo pasteurisation and microfiltration processes during its production phase”. Moreover, as for tomato, in order to protect and promote quality, specific provisions on the definition of products derived from the processing of tomatoes, their requirements, labeling and packaging, as well as sanctions are envisaged. Some news for rice too: voluntary traceability systems are introduced through innovative tools that can give more information to consumers about the origin of the product. Finally for organic products, an information system will be created. The publication of the rule will occur shortly.

Source: Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry website - July 6, 2016

Sanctioning regime: Since it is a Note, no sanctions apply.
Date of entry into force: 06/07/2016

Olive oil; Honey

Italy - 2015-2016 European law: news for oil and honey

Law no. 122 - July 7, 2016

The European Journal published 2015-2016 Law on the provisions for the fulfillment of obligations stemming from EU membership of Italy. The approved provisions aim at defining 16 proceedings started by the European commission against Italy: 4 are for infringement, 10 concern pre-litigation (EU Pilot), 1 is on the cooperation in the field of existing State aid and 1 is on State aids. The main news on the free movement of goods deal with oil and honey. As for oil, the provision cancels the labeling of the bottling date (expiring within 18 months), replaced by a generic statement "Best before ..." which allows the sale of oil with a durability higher than the current year and a half as envisaged by Italian law. The new law also cancels the origin of blends of olive oils printed with different color compared to the background, to distinguish EU oils from "Made in Italy" ones. Inserting the year of oil production becomes mandatory only when 100% of the oil was produced in a single year. As for honey, the indication of each country of origin when honey is produced in other Member States and marketed in accordance with EU framework is not compulsory and the only option is to indicate that the honey come from EU or non-EU countries or both; in this way, current Italian legislation is replaced although it sets as mandatory the analytical labeling of the country of origin of honey.

Source: Official Journal of the European Union no. L 158 - July 8, 2016

Sanctioning regime: The rule does not mention specific sanctions.

Date of entry into force: 23/07/2016

Crop protection

Italy - Ministry of Health: explanation on storage of pesticides at distributors' premises

Note of the Ministry of Health no. 23184 - June 3, 2016

The Ministry published this Note on requests of explanation concerning current legislation on the storage of pesticides and their aids at distributors' premises, specifically with regard to the obligation of preservation of these products in special locked rooms or cabinets if in small quantities, following the new provisions introduced by Leg. Decree no. 150/2012 and the National Action Plan on the sustainable use of pesticides as per Ministerial Decree dd. Jan. 22, 2014. The Ministry explains that in order to minimize the risks to human health and the environment -except as provided by safety regulations- storage of pesticides and their aids must meet the requirements of Annex VI of the National Action Plan on the location and the ventilation of the storage area, the characteristics of the shelves, the personal protective equipment and signs of danger and emergency numbers as well as the measures required for the proper maintenance of products and in case of accidental damage to the packaging. It being understood the requirement of a storage room or a locker for products labeled as very toxic, toxic or harmful in accordance with Directive no. 1999/45/EEC and similar products bearing the pictograms and/or the hazard identified in the circular of the Ministry of health prot. n. 19953, May 15, 2015, it is also believed that all pesticides, including irritants products, should not be freely accessible to the buyer, but only to the retailer and the personnel in charge of sales or other expressly authorized staff.

Source: Ministry of Health website - July 14, 2016

Sanctioning regime: Since it is a Note, no sanctions apply.

Date of entry into force: 14/07/2016

Foods for sportspeople; Foods for infants

Italy - Young child formulas and dietary products for athletes: explanations from the Ministry

of Health

Note of the Ministry of Health DGSAN no. 27372 - July 5, 2016

The Ministry of Health gives information on the regulatory adjustments for young child formulas and dietary products for athletes as a result of the application of Regulation no. 609/2013 since July 7, 2016. Since this date, young child formulas and dietary products for athletes must conform to horizontal legislation. As for young child formulas, the Note states that sales name may be identified by words such as “formula” followed by the specific indication of the target group (children aged between 1 and 3 years). Their placing on the market must undergo the notification procedure provided for in art. 7 of the leg. decree no. 111, dd. 27.1.1992. All products already on the market must be re-notified to be correctly placed in the new regulatory field. Due to the addition of vitamins and minerals and because of their specific purpose, the Nutrient Reference Values are those listed in Annex VII of Directive no. 2006/141/EC. With regard to current dietary products for athletes, the Note deals with their inclusion in the field of food supplements, in the context of Regulation no. 1925/2006 or in ordinary foods according to their composition.

Source: Official Journal no. 161 - July 12, 2016

Sanctioning regime: Since it is a Note, no sanctions apply.

Date of entry into force: 05/07/2016

Wine

Italy - “Valle d’Itria” IGT wines: decree authorizing temporary labeling

Note of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry - July 12, 2016

The Official Journal published this press release of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry on IGT wine “Valle d’Itria”. The Ministry informs that its website published the Ministerial Decree dd. June 27 on the authorization to allow the temporary labeling, pursuant to art. 72 of Regulation no. 607/2009 and art. 13 of the Ministerial Decree dd. November 7, 2012 on the proposed amendment to product specification for “Valle d’Itria” IGT wine.

Source: Official Journal no. 161 - July 12, 2016

Sanctioning regime: Sanctions do not change

Date of entry into force: 12/07/2016

European Union

Simple and compound feed; Pet food; Vegetables and vegetable products; Milk, cream, yoghurt and other milk by-products ; Dietary supplements/Medical Devices; Superior mushrooms; Fresh fruit, dried fruit and nuts; Cereals: Various (sorghum, millet, triticale...); Cereals: Rye; Cereals: Rice; Cereals: Barley; Cereals: Maize; Cereals: Wheat (Triticum spp.); Cereals: Oat; Cocoa; Foods for infants; Foods for specific medical purposes (products for diabetics, products with low sodium content...)

EU - Recommendations on the monitoring of nickel in food and feed

(EU) Recommendation 2016/1110 - Jun. 28, 2016 (EU) Recommendation 2016/1111 - Jul. 6, 2016

The Commission issued two recommendations to monitor the presence of nickel in food and in feed. With regard to feed, the presence of nickel may originate from both natural and anthropogenic sources, and even certain feed raw materials also contain nickel, used as a catalyst in production. The Scientific Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain (CONTAM Panel) concluded that adverse effects are unlikely due to nickel content in feed for cattle, pigs, rabbits, ducks, fish, dogs, chickens, horses, sheep, goats and cats. As for risk assessment for human health arising from the presence of nickel in foods of animal origin, the Panel concluded that current long-term nickel exposure levels of average population could constitute grounds of concern in the young population, this only considering food of animal origin. To this end, the Commission invited Member States and sector operators to carry out monitoring actions and supply EFSA

with analysis results periodically or at the latest by Oct. 31, 2017. With regard to food, the Panel decided to extend the risk assessment to drinking water and it also adopted a scientific opinion on the risks to public health related to the presence of nickel in food and drinking water. This opinion identified toxicity to reproduction and development as a critical effect for the characterization of chronic oral exposure resulting. The Commission required the Member States and food business operators and other interested parties to carry out a monitoring activity on nickel presence in foods in 2016, 2017 and 2018. The monitoring should be focussed on cereals, products based on cereals, infant formulas, follow-on formulas, cereal-based processed foods for infants and young children, baby food, food for special medical purposes specifically intended for infants and young children, food supplements, legumes, nuts and oilseeds, milk and dairy products, alcoholic and soft drinks, sugar and confectionery (including cocoa and chocolate), fruit, vegetables and vegetables products (including mushrooms), dried tea leaves, dry parts of other plants intended for the preparation of infusions and bivalve molluscs. It would be appropriate that EFSA received the result of the analysis every Oct. 1.

Source: Official Journal of the European Union no. L 183 - Jul. 8, 2016

Sanctioning regime: Since it is a recommendation, no sanctions apply

Date of entry into force: 08/07/2016

Simple and compound feed; Pet food

EU - Approval of some substances as additives for feed for all animal species

Commission Implementing Regulation 2016/1095 - Jul. 6, 2016

The use of dihydrate zinc acetate, anhydrous zinc chloride, zinc oxide, zinc sulfate heptahydrate, zinc sulfate monohydrate, zinc chelate of amino acids hydrate, chelate protein hydrolysates zinc, zinc chelate of hydrate of glycine (solid) and chelate of glycine hydrate of zinc (liquid) as feed additives destined to all animal species was authorized by amending various European regulations. In the entry relating to E6 Zinc-Zn in Annex to Regulation no. 1334/2003 the following additives and their chemical formulas and descriptions were deleted: "Zinc acetate dihydrate", "Zinc oxide", "Zinc sulfate, heptahydrate", "Zinc sulphate monohydrate", "Chelate of amino acids hydrate". In Annex to Regulation no. 479/2006 entry E6 concerning the additive zinc chelate of glycine hydrate" is deleted. In Annex to Regulation no. 335/2010, line 3b6.10, the eighth column is replaced by the following: "Dogs and cats: 200 (total), salmonids and calves milk substitutes: 180 (in total); piglets, sows, rabbits and all species of fish other than salmonids: 150 (total); other species and categories: 120 (total)". In Annex to implementing Regulation no. 991/2012, line 3b609, the eighth column is replaced by the following: "Dogs and cats: 200 (total); salmonids and calves milk substitutes: 180 (total); piglets, sows, rabbits and all species of fish except salmonids: 150 (total); other species and categories: 120 (total)". In Annex to Commission Implementing Regulation no. 636/2013, in line 3b611, the eighth column is replaced by the following: "Dogs and cats: 200 (total); salmonids and calves milk substitutes: 180 (total); piglets, sows, rabbits and all species of fish other than salmonids: 150 (total); other species and categories: 120 (total)". The legislation indicates that dihydrate zinc acetate, zinc oxide, zinc sulfate heptahydrate, zinc sulfate monohydrate, zinc chelate of amino acids hydrate and hydrate of glycine chelate of zinc and zinc compounds authorized by Regulation no. 335/2010 and Implementing Regulations no. 991/2012 and no. 636/2013 and pre-mixtures containing them, produced and labeled before Jan. 27, 2017 -in accordance with the rules applicable before July 27, 2016- may continue to be marketed and used until stocks last. Compound feed and feed raw materials containing the substances referred to in para. 1, produced and labeled before July 27, 2017 in accordance with the rules applicable before July 27, 2016, may continue to be marketed and used until stocks last, if they are intended for food producing animals. Feed raw materials and compound feed containing the substances referred to in para. 1, produced and labeled before July 27, 2018 -in accordance with the rules applicable before July 27, 2016- may continue to be marketed and used until stocks last, if they are intended for non-food producing animals.

Source: Official Journal of the European Union no. L 182 - Jul. 7, 2016
Anctioning regime: The rule does not mention specific sanctions.
Date of entry into force: 27/07/2016

Fish (fresh, frozen, deep-frozen)

EU - Aquaculture: new health certificates

Commission Implementing Regulation 2016/1096 - Jul. 6, 2016

This Implementing Regulation amends Reg. no. 1251/2008 on the requirements for the placing on the market of consignments of certain species of fish destined to Member States or their areas applying national measures on the salmonid alphavirus (SAV). Regulation no. 1251/2008 lays down the conditions and certification requirements for the placing on the market and import of aquaculture animals in the Member States or their areas that are subject to national measures approved under Decision no. 2010/221/EU. The aforementioned 2010 Decision allows Member States to lay down requirements for the placing on the market and import of fish species susceptible to SAV in areas considered free from the disease or included into an approved surveillance program. To ensure that these requirements are met, the Commission deems appropriate to include a reference to SAV in the health certificate as per Annex II, Part A of Reg. no. 1251/2008. The legislation contains the new certificates.

Source: Official Journal of the European Union no. L 182 - Jul. 7, 2016
Anctioning regime: The rule does not mention specific sanctions.
Date of entry into force: 10/07/2016
Date of application: 01/10/2016

Bovine

EU - List of countries with negligible risk of BSE modified

Implementing Regulation 2016/1100 - Jul. 5, 2016

This Implementing Regulation reviews the list of countries with a BSE risk in the light of Resolution no. 20 adopted by the World Organisation for Animal Health dd. May 27, 2016 entitled "Recognition of the Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy Risk Status of Member Countries". This Resolution added Costa Rica, Germany, Lithuania, Namibia and Spain to the list of countries with negligible BSE risk.

Source: Official Journal of the European Union no. L 182 - Jul. 7, 2016
Anctioning regime: The rule does not mention specific sanctions.
Date of entry into force: 07/07/2016

Denmark

Crop protection

Denmark - Pesticides: list of active substances

Bekendtgørelse nr. 1059 - July 5, 2016

This order regarding the active substances in pesticides was issued; its Annex 1 contains a list of active substances that the European Commission decided to include in those that could be used in biocidal products before 15 July 2013. Appendix 2 contains a list of active substances that have been listed in Annex II of Regulation no. 1451/2007, but the Commission decided not to include in the list of approved active substances for biocidal products. Appendix 3 lists the substances with the relevant dates of the ban on the sale and prohibition of use. Annex 4 contains the previously approved pesticides for which there is a specific prohibition on their possession since 2012. Finally, the last Annex lists the substances that have been evaluated as repellents.

Source: Lovtidende A - July 6, 2016

Amending regime: The rule does not mention specific sanctions.

Date of entry into force: 15/07/2016

Estonia

Replacement foods; Foods for infants; Foods for specific medical purposes (products for diabetics, products with low sodium content...)

Estonia - Infant and follow-on formulas, energy-reduced foods and foods for special medical purposes: new regulations

Määrus n. 42, 43 - July 11, 2016

The Ministry of Rural Affairs issued these two Regulations on infant and follow-on formulas, energy-reduced foods and foods for special medical purposes. They deal with composition and quality requirements for the foods mentioned and indicate vitamins, minerals and other substances that can be added, as well as their quantity. The Regulations also list some indications for food labeling: for example, for infant and follow-on formulas, terms like “made human”, “maternal” or similar cannot be used.

Source: Riigi Teataja, I, July 13, 2016

Amending regime: The rule does not mention specific sanctions.

Date of entry into force: 20/07/2016

Switzerland

Cereals: Wheat (Triticum spp.)

Switzerland - Variety of plant species used for agricultural purposes: catalogs updated

UFAG Order - Modification - June 24, 2016

The Federal Office for Agriculture amended Order dd. June 12, 2013 on the catalogs of plant species used for agricultural purposes. Appendices 1, 3, 8, 9 and 10, that were modified, are annexed. For example, for soft wheat (wheat) the varieties Casana, Fluella, Pegassos, Terza and Trovat were canceled while Baretta, Campello, Lagalp, Lamotta, Montalbano, Paradisin, Royal were added.

Source: Official Collection no. 61 - July 5, 2016

Amending regime: The rule does not mention specific sanctions.

Date of entry into force: 15/07/2016

Norway

Dietary supplements/Medical Devices

Norway: update of max. and min. limits for vitamins and minerals in food supplements

Forskrift n. 869 - July 1, 2016

Regulation no. 755/2004 on food supplements was changed. In particular, min. and max. levels of the recommended daily dose of vitamins and minerals was amended. For example, min. levels of 2.5 mcg and max. levels of 20 mcg are established for vitamin D, for vitamin E they amount to 1.8 mg and 30 mg; for folic acid, 30 mcg and 200 mcg; for B6, 0.21 and 4.2 mg; for potassium, the limits amount to 300 mg and 1000 mg. Moreover, legislation added folates after vitamins (pteroylmonoglutaminsyre, calcium L-methylfolate, glucosamine salt).

Source: Norske Lovtidende no. 765 - July 5, 2016

Amending regime: The rule does not mention specific sanctions.

Date of entry into force: 01/07/2016

United States of America

Free flow restaurant – self service food; Catering and ready meals

US - Foods sold in vending machines: news for claims on calories

Constituent Update - July 8, 2016

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is extending the compliance date of the requirements for the declaration of calories for some foods sold through vending machines with a glass front before July 26, 2018 (last date by which nutritional labeling must be updated). The extension is particularly true for products with calorie content printed on the front-of-pack (FOP): the original compliance date (Dec. 1, 2016) applies to packaged foods sold in vending machines that do not have a visible FOP labeling, those that use electronic displays and vending machines that sell unpackaged products. According to the press release, the FDA intends to formalize this decision by publication in the Federal Register.

Source: FDA website - July 8, 2016

Sanctioning regime: Since it is an update, no sanctions apply.

Date of entry into force: 08/07/2016

All of the FOOD product categories

US - Plants registered with FDA: legislation implemented

Final rule [Docket No. FDA–2002–N–0323] - July 7, 2016

Source: Federal Register / Vol. 81, No. 135 - July 14, 2016

Sanctioning regime: Sanctions are not mentioned.

Date of entry into force: 12/09/2016

Russia

All of the FOOD product categories

Russia - Ban on food imports for 18 months after international sanctions

Указ Президента Российской Федерации № 305 - Jun. 29, 2016

The Russian President published this document to extend the ban on the import of some food from the United States, Canada, European Union, Australia, Norway, Ukraine, Albania, Montenegro, Iceland and Lichtenstein until Dec. 31, 2017. The list of products falling in the scope of application of the document has not been issued yet.

Source: Официальный интернет-портал - Jun. 29, 2016

Sanctioning regime: For political reasons, imports of such food products from United States, Canada, European Union, Australia, Norway, Ukraine, Albania, Montenegro, Iceland and Lichtenstein is forbidden.

Date of entry into force: 29/06/2016

India

Vegetable fats and oils (margarine, seed oil...)

India - Some physical and chemical characteristics of certain vegetable oils and mixtures changed

F. No. 15-03/Enf/FSSAI/2014 - June 14, 2016

The FSSAI amended the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011 as for certain vegetable oils and mixtures. In the case mentioned in para. 2.2.2 of the Standard on cotton seeds oil, the iodine value will change from “98 to 112” to “98 to 123”. Moreover, para. 2.2.1 states that a further change will concern clause 24 on mixtures of vegetable oils. The chemical and physical specifications for mixtures of oil with refined rice bran oil are added.

Source: Food Safety and Standards Authority of India Website - July 4, 2016

Sanctioning regime: The rule does not mention specific sanctions.

Date of entry into force: 04/07/2016

Pasta; Vegetable fats and oils (margarine, seed oil...); Cereals: Oat

India - Vegetable oils, oats and pasta: a period of public comment

F.No. Stds/O&F/Notification(1)/FSSAI-2016 - July 4, 2016

FSSAI announces a period of public consultation until Aug. 8, 2016 on the draft revision of the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011. A part of the revision project is dedicated to the possibility of fortifying vegetable oils with vitamin A and D. The range of vitamin A, resulting from retinyl acetate, retinyl propionate and retinyl palmitate, is set between 22.5-27.5 IU, while vitamin D, resulting from calciferol and ergocalciferol, ranges between 3.96 and 4.84 IU. The label of fortified oils may include the wording "Fortified with Vitamin A and D". Another part concerns a revision of the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011 on oats and pasta, in particular in relation to para. 2.4 "Cereals and Cereal Products". As for oats, the draft standard indicates the chemical and physical characteristics of the product, the additives that can be used in the product as well as contaminants, labeling and methods of analysis. The amendment of the definition of pasta comprising all cereal flours mentioned in para. 2.4 of the Regulations is also planned.

Source: Food Safety and Standards Authority of India Website - July 12, 2016

Sanctioning regime: Since it is a draft revision whose approval is still pending, no sanctions apply.

Date of entry into force: 12/07/2016

Vegetable fats and oils (margarine, seed oil...)

India - Vegetable oils and fats: draft to amend legislation

F.No.Stds/O&F/Notification(3)/FSSAI-2016

The FSSAI published this draft to amend the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011 only in part 2.2 on vegetable oils and fats. One amendment concerns the inclusion of the definition of virgin coconut oil; its chemical and physical characteristics are listed: for example, the number of iodine: 4.0 -11.0 as well as labeling, methods of analysis and the prohibition of adding additives. Another amendment concerns the linseed oil: the words "Flaxseed/Linseed Oil" are proposed to be used instead of the term "linseed". A further amendment deals with chemical and physical characteristics of palm oil, in particular the wording "Acid Value" will be replaced by "Free Fatty Acid (expressed as Palmitic Acid)" as well as other specifications concerning imported or local product. Finally, specifications for coconut and peanut butter have been added. A 60-day period is open.

Source: Food Safety and Standards Authority of India Website - July 12, 2016

Sanctioning regime: Since it is a draft amendment whose approval is still pending, no sanctions apply.

Date of entry into force: 12/07/2016

China

Additives; All of the FOOD product categories

China - Some news on food additives

解读《关于海藻酸钙等食品添加剂新品种的公告》

The NHFPC announced the approval of 10 new additives and 3 substances for food fortification. Among the new additives there are calcium alginate, iron tartrate, phosphoric acid and quillaia extract; substances that can be used for the fortification are magnesium-L-threonate, galactosaccharides and vitamin K2. In addition to other food additives already in use, the scope of application was increased: the max. limit for dimethyl carbonate is 0.25 g/kg in flavored drinks, monascus red in egg products, curdlan in fermented flavored milk, mayonnaise and salad dressings, potassium sorbate up to 1.0 g/kg in emulsions with less than 80% fat.

Source: 中华人民共和国国家卫生和计划生育委员会- June 30, 2016

Sanctioning regime: The rule does not mention specific sanctions.

NEW ZEALAND; Australia

Wine

Australia - A proposal to limit the addition of water in wine production stages

Application A1114 - June 29, 2016

Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) submitted to the ministries in charge of food legislation of the two countries the proposal to limit the amount of water that can be added during wine production. This method is allowed to reduce sugar in the grape juice and has been developed to counter the effects of climate changes and resultant dry seasons. However, to maintain a certain level of sugar in the product, a proposal to limit the permissible level of water has been submitted following US regulations. Date of submission to the ministry is Aug. 10, 2016.

Source: Notification Circular [16-16] - June 29, 2016

Sanctioning regime: The rule does not mention specific sanctions.

Date of entry into force: 29/06/2016

Meat and meat products (processed products)

Australia - Proposal to use propionates in processed meat

Application A1113 - June 29, 2016

The Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) opened a public comment period on the proposal for the use of propionate in processed meat. Propionate may help control the *Listeria monocytogenes* bacteria; its use is already allowed in other products, such as bread, fruits and sauces. The deadline to submit comments on the matter expires on Aug. 10, 2016.

Source: Notification Circular [16-16] - June 29, 2016

Sanctioning regime: The rule does not mention specific sanctions.

Date of entry into force: 29/06/2016

Fresh fruit, dried fruit and nuts

Australia and New Zealand - A proposal to extend the use of L-cysteine in sliced fruit

Call for submissions - Application A1117 - June 29, 2016

The Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) opened a period of public consultation on a proposal to extend the use of L-cysteine to reduce enzymatic browning of sliced bananas and avocados to prolong their shelf life. Interested parties can send their comments until Aug. 10, 2016.

Source: Notification Circular [16-16] - June 29, 2016

Sanctioning regime: Since it is a regulatory proposal whose approval is still pending, no sanctions apply.

Date of entry into force: 29/06/2016

Canada

Cereals: Various (sorghum, millet, triticale...)

Canada - Changes to classes of wheat

Regulations Amending the Canada Grain Regulations - June 27, 2016

This Regulation amends current legislation on wheat classes. The Canadian Grain Commission (CGC) has undertaken a project to update the classes of wheat in Western Canada. In particular, classes Hard Red Northern Canada (CNHR) and Canada Western Special Purpose (CWSP), have been added and Canada Western Interim Wheat (CWIW), Canada Western General Purpose (CWGP) and Canada Western Feed (CWF) have been eliminated.

Source: Canada Gazette, Vol. 150, No. 14 - July 13

Sanctioning regime: Sanctions do not change.
Date of entry into force: 01/08/2016

South Korea

All of the FOOD product categories

Korea - Marketing restrictions for high-calorie and low-calorie foods and food with high caffeine content

식품의약품안전처(식약처) 식품안전관리정책팀- July 12, 2016

The MFDS opened a period of public consultation until Aug. 1 on a draft about regulatory restrictions on advertising for high-calorie, low-calorie foods and food with high caffeine content. Foods intended for children and added with caffeine should be included in the list of food subject to restricted or prohibited advertising. The validity of this Regulation should be reviewed every 3 years from January 1, 2017. The draft legislation already indicates the entry into force of the rule, namely three months after the publication of that draft.

Source: 식품의약품안전처 2016-266- July 12, 2016

Sanctioning regime: The rule does not mention specific sanctions.

Date of entry into force: 12/10/2016

Pulses and vegetables (preserved, dried, freeze-dried, dehydrated, tinned etc.); All of the FOOD product categories

Korea - “Standards and Specifications for Each Food Product”: some amendments

식품의약품안전처(식약처) 식품안전관리정책팀

The MFDS announced some changes to the “Standards and Specifications for Each Food Product”; in particular, the rule envisages that tofu, soy beans flour and in gelatin-based packaged foods can be stored and sold at room temperature. The limit of Escherichia coli for prepared restaurant foods was reduced. The MRLs for certain pesticides were reviewed (eg for soybeans, glyphosate limit is set at 2.0 mg/kg, the limits for some veterinary drugs in foods (eg nandrolone) were set and new test methods were added. The new limits of pesticides will come into force on July 1, 2017.

Source: 식품의약품안전처 2016-64- June 30, 2016

Sanctioning regime: The rule does not mention specific sanctions.

Date of entry into force: 30/09/2016

Fish (fresh, frozen, deep-frozen) ; Milk, cream, yoghurt and other milk by-products ; Cheese; Meat and meat products (processed products)

Korea - Imported foods of origin animal: review of legislation

식품의약품안전처(식약처) 식품안전관리정책팀- July 8, 2016

The MFDS informs of a review of the necessary health requirements to import food of animal origin. In particular, some issues regarding the health certificate accompanying the goods, and the responsibilities of exporting countries are clarified. It is expected that the governments of exporting countries immediately inform the Korean government of the occurrence of an accident or a change of health requirements. It is also provided that the government of the exporting countries submit annual programs on food safety management.

Source: 식품의약품안전처 2016-66- 8.7.2016- July 8, 2016

Sanctioning regime: Sanctions do not change.

Date of entry into force: 08/07/2016

Israel

Fresh, frozen, deep-frozen fishery products (crustaceans, molluscs, cephalopods); Vegetable fats and oils (margarine, seed oil...); Animal fats and oils; Superior mushrooms; Cereals: Rice; Cereals: Wheat (Triticum spp.); Meat and meat products (processed products)

Israel - An update of the guidelines on heavy metal residues

מ 01.05.2016 עדכון מנחים לכמות מרבית של מתכות כבדות ובדיל במזון

The Ministry of Health published an update of the guidelines on residues of heavy metals in food. The followings are the limits for certain heavy metals. For lead, the limit of 0.1 mg/kg for fats, oils and lipid emulsions; 0.2 mg/kg in cereals and cereal-based products; 5 mg/kg in tea; 0.3 mg/kg for octopus. For cadmium, the maximum limit of 1 mg/kg for leafy vegetables and mushrooms is set; 0.1 mg/kg for tea. For mercury, the maximum limit of 0.2 mg/kg is set for meat and meat products; for cereals and products from cereals (including wheat and rice) it is set at 0.03 mg/kg. The guidelines in the original language are available to subscribers.

Source: הבריאות משרד - 9.5.2016

Sanctioning regime: The guidelines do not specify sanctions.

Date of entry into force: 09/05/2016

PARAGUAY

All of the FOOD product categories

Paraguay - Protocol of Accession of Bolivia to Mercosur

Ley N° 5615/16

The President of Paraguay enacted this law to adopt the Protocol of Accession of Bolivia to Mercosur. Its main objective is to make the accession of Bolivia formal to the Tratado de Asunción signed in 1991 by the presidents of Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and Paraguay to create the regional group of countries, which Venezuela joined later.

Source: Gaceta Oficial de la Republica del Paraguay no. 125 - June 24, 2016

Sanctioning regime: Sanctions do not change

Date of entry into force: 24/06/2016

Singapore

All of the FOOD product categories

Singapore - Towards the ban of the use of two preservatives

Response to comments received from the public consultation on deletion of provisions for propyl para-hydroxybenzoate and its sodium salt from the food regulations

The Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA) published the results of comments received after the public comment period on the proposal to ban the use of propyl para-hydroxybenzoate (INS 216) and sodium propyl parahydroxybenzoate (INS 217) in both local and imported foods. The document shows that AVA will publish the changes to Food Regulations in 2017, namely a ban on the use of these preservatives. After the publication in the Official Journal, a 12-month period will be granted to allow industries to sell all existing supplies of food containing INS 216 or 217.

Source: AVA website - July 13, 2016

Sanctioning regime: Sanctions do not change.

Date of entry into force: 13/07/2016

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Deadline	Country and Object	Product Category	Regulatory reference
01/07/2016	Denmark - Surveillance measures on Salmonella in cattle and pigs	Carni bovine, Carni suine	Bekendtgørelse n. 537 - June 1, 2016 Bekendtgørelse n. 539 - June 1, 2016
01/07/2016	Denmark - Feed legislation	Mangimi semplici e composti	Bekendtgørelse n. 493 - May 27, 2016
01/07/2016	Italy – Olive oil: a Legislative Decree on sanctions	Oli di oliva	Legislative Decree of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry no 103 – 23 May 2016
01/07/2016	EU – Glyphosate: temporary extension of the approval period	Presidi fitosanitari	(EU) Commission Implementing Decision no. 2016/1056 - Jun. 29, 2016
01/07/2016	Norway: update of max. and min. limits for vitamins and minerals in food supplements	Integratori alimentari / Dispositivi Medici	Forskrift n. 869 - July 1, 2016
01/07/2016	China - Health foods: new administrative measures for registration	Integratori alimentari / Dispositivi Medici	国家食品药品监督管理总局令第22号-27.2.2016
01/07/2016	China - Foods for special medical purposes: administrative measures for their registration published	Alimenti per fini medici speciali (prodotti per diabetici, prodotti con scarso tenore di sodio...)	国家食品药品监督管理总局令第24号- Mar. 7, 2016
01/07/2016	China - Health standard on nutrition terminology	Tutte le categorie FOOD	国卫通〔2015〕23号- Dec. 29, 2015
01/07/2016	Denmark - Two decrees to enrich some foods	Tutte le categorie FOOD, Bevande analcoliche, Integratori alimentari / Dispositivi Medici	Bekendtgørelse n. 577 - Jun. 2, 2016 Bekendtgørelse n. 578 - Jun. 2, 2016
01/07/2016	Denmark - Rules on local fishing of mussels and oysters	Prodotti ittici (crostacei, molluschi, cefalopodi) (freschi, congelati, surgelati)	Bekendtgørelse n. 488 - May 26, 2016 Bekendtgørelse n. 489 - May 26, 2016
01/07/2016	EU - Pesticides: non-renewal of two active substances	Presidi fitosanitari	(EU) Commission Implementing Regulation 2016/872 - Jun. 1, 2016 (EU) Commission Implementing Regulation 2016/871 - Jun. 1, 2016
04/07/2016	Italy - A request to amend product specification for “Squacquerone di Romagna DOP”	Formaggi	Note of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry - July 4, 2016
04/07/2016	India - Some physical and chemical characteristics of certain vegetable oils and mixtures changed	Grassi e oli vegetali (margarina, olio di semi...)	F. No. 15-03/Enf/FSSAI/2014 - June 14, 2016
05/07/2016	Italy - Young child formulas and dietary products for athletes: explanations from the Ministry of Health	Alimenti per l'infanzia, Alimenti per sportivi	Note of the Ministry of Health DGSAN no. 27372 - July 5, 2016
06/07/2016	Italy – Publication of 16th review of the national list of traditional	Tutte le categorie FOOD	MIPAAF Decree – 23 May 2016

	agricultural products		
06/07/2016	European Union – Plant protection products: extension of the expiry date of certain substances and approval of two active substances	Presidi fitosanitari	(EU) Commission Implementing Regulation 2016/952 - Jun. 15, 2016
06/07/2016	Italy - Home-made beer, products derived from tomato processing and rice: to be published in the Official Journal	Birra, Cereali: Riso, Pomodoro e derivati (concentrati, passate, pelati...), Prodotti da agricoltura biologica	Note of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry - July 6, 2016
07/07/2016	EU - List of countries with negligible risk of BSE modified	Carni bovine	Implementing Regulation 2016/1100 - Jul. 5, 2016
08/07/2016	EU - Authorisation of L-arginine produced by Corynebacterium glutamicum KCTC 10423BP as a feed additive	Pet food, Mangimi semplici e composti	(EU) Commission Implementing Regulation 2016/972 - Jun. 16, 2016
08/07/2016	EU – Authorisation of zinc bislysinate as a feed additive for all animal species	Pet food, Mangimi semplici e composti	(EU) Commission Implementing Decision no. 2016/973 - Jun. 17, 2016
08/07/2016	EU - Recommendations on the monitoring of nickel in food and feed	Alimenti per fini medici speciali (prodotti per diabetici, prodotti con scarso tenore di sodio...), Alimenti per l'infanzia, Cacao, Cereali: Avena, Cereali: Frumento (Triticum spp.), Cereali: Mais, Cereali: Orzo, Cereali: Riso, Cereali: Segale, Cereali: Vari (sorgo, miglio, triticale..), Frutta fresca, secca e derivati , Funghi , Integratori alimentari / Dispositivi Medici, Latte, panna, yogurt e altri derivati del latte, Verdure e derivati, Pet food, Mangimi semplici e composti	(EU) Recommendation 2016/1110 - Jun. 28, 2016 (EU) Recommendation 2016/1111 - Jul. 6, 2016
08/07/2016	US - Foods sold in vending machines: news for claims on calories	Catering , Gestione mense free flow restaurant - self service	Constituent Update - July 8, 2016
08/07/2016	Korea - Imported foods of origin animal: review of legislation	Carni e prodotti a base di carne (prodotti trasformati), Formaggi, Latte, panna, yogurt e altri derivati del latte, Pesce (fresco, congelato, surgelato)	□□□□□□□□□□(□□) □□□□□□□□□□- July 8, 2016
10/07/2016	EU - Aquaculture: new health certificates	Pesce (fresco, congelato, surgelato)	Commission Implementing Regulation 2016/1096 - Jul. 6, 2016
12/07/2016	EU - Authorisation of a feed additive for lactating sows and minor porcine species	Pet food, Mangimi semplici e composti	Commision implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/997 - June 21, 2016
12/07/2016	Italy - "Valle d'Itria" IGT wines: decree authorizing temporary labeling	Vino	Note of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry - July 12, 2016
12/07/2016	India - Vegetable oils and fats: draft to amend legislation	Grassi e oli vegetali (margarina, olio di semi...)	F.No.Stds/O&F/Notification(3)/FSS AI-2016
12/07/2016	India - Vegetable oils, oats and pasta: a period of public comment	Cereali: Avena, Grassi e oli vegetali (margarina, olio di semi...), Paste alimentari (secche, fresche, ripiene)	F.No. Stds/O&F/Notification(1)/FS SAI-2016 - July 4, 2016
13/07/2016	EU - Authorisation of ammonium chloride as a feed additive for ruminants other than lambs for fattening, cats and dogs	Pet food, Mangimi semplici e composti	(EU) Commission Implementing Regulation 2016/1007 - Jun. 22 2016
13/07/2016	Singapore - Towards the ban of	Tutte le categorie FOOD	Response to comments received

	the use of two preservatives		from the public consultation on deletion of provisions for propyl para-hydroxybenzoate and its sodium salt from the food regulations
14/07/2016	EU - New MRLs for AMTT, diquat, dodine, glufosinate and tritosulfuron in or on certain products	Cacao, Colture oleaginose (arachidi, soia, semi di lino...), Frutta a guscio (noci, nocciole, anacardi...), Frutta fresca, secca e derivati , Latte, panna, yogurt e altri derivati del latte, Miele e prodotti dell'apicoltura, Olive, Spezie e piante aromatiche	(EU) Commission Implementing Decision no. 2016/1002 - Jun. 17, 2016
14/07/2016	EU - MRLs for abamectin, acequinocyl, acetamiprid, benzovindiflupyr, bromoxynil, fludioxonil, fluopicolide, fosetyl, mepiquat, proquinazid, propamocarb, prohexadione and tebuconazole in or on certain products amended	Cereali: Avena, Cereali: Orzo, Colture oleaginose (arachidi, soia, semi di lino...), Frutta a guscio (noci, nocciole, anacardi...), Frutta fresca, secca e derivati , Funghi , Latte, panna, yogurt e altri derivati del latte, Miele e prodotti dell'apicoltura, Uova, Verdure e derivati	(EU) Commission Implementing Regulation 2016/1003 - Jun. 17, 2016
14/07/2016	Italy - Ministry of Health: explanation on storage of pesticides at distributors' premises	Presidi fitosanitari	Note of the Ministry of Health no. 23184 - June 3, 2016
15/07/2016	Denmark - Pesticides: list of active substances	Presidi fitosanitari	Bekendtgørelse nr. 1059 - July 5, 2016
15/07/2016	Switzerland - Variety of plant species used for agricultural purposes: catalogs updated	Cereali: Frumento (Triticum spp.)	UFAG Order - Modification - June 24, 2016

Countries monitored



Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Montenegro, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Russia (Russian Federation), Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands, The United Kingdom, The United States of America, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Venezuela, Yemen.

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