

USDA Foreign Agricultural Service

GAIN Report

Global Agricultural Information Network

THIS REPORT CONTAINS ASSESSMENTS OF COMMODITY AND TRADE ISSUES MADE BY
USDA STAFF AND NOT NECESSARILY STATEMENTS OF OFFICIAL U.S. GOVERNMENT
POLICY

Voluntary Public

Date: 5/16/2011

GAIN Report Number:

Peru

Post: Lima

Food Safety Regulations

Report Categories:

Sanitary/Phytosanitary/Food Safety

Approved By:

Emiko Purdy

Prepared By:

Alvaro Loza

Report Highlights:

The Food Safety regulation proposed by the National Sanitary and Phytosanitary Service (SENASA) was approved through the Supreme Decree 004-2011-AG on April 27, 2011.

General Information:

The Food Safety regulation proposed by the National Sanitary and Phytosanitary Service (SENASA) was approved through the Supreme Decree 004-2011-AG on April 27, 2011. The Ministries of Agriculture and Health endorsed this document and its main objective is to establish guidelines to assure food safety practices on primary food products and feed produced within and outside the country.

Legislative Decree 1062, published June 28, 2008, creates the Permanent Committee on Food Safety (COMPIAL) which is composed of representatives from the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture, and Ministry of Production. This entity is headed by the Ministry of Health and its main objective is to coordinate and monitor the application of the law at different levels within the government. It is mandatory for all the agencies involved to announce sectorial regulations to reinforce the implementation of the law in each sector. The Ministry of Agriculture, through SENASA (the sanitary and phytosanitary authority), has already published its regulations. However, Ministries of Health and Production through their appointed agencies, DIGESA (Office of Environmental Health) and ITP (Fishery Technological Institute), are still in the reviewing process and both documents should be published by the end of this year.

This is an important initiative undertaken by the sanitary authorities to reinforce and adopt international sanitary standards along the food chain. However, implementation will be the most difficult part. Moreover, COMPIAL needs to shore up the support of private sector and establish a comprehensive period of adequacy that assures the accomplishment of the law gradually.

The original version in Spanish can be found at:

http://www.senasa.gob.pe/0/modulos/JER/JER_Interna.aspx?ARE=0&PFL=3&JER=750&JERR=735