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### Fortified Flour in Pasta

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**Report Highlights:**

FAS Lima estimates Peru's production of pasta and noodles at roughly 418,000 metric tons (MT) in calendar year (CY) 2013. Calendar year 2013, U.S. pasta exports to Peru reached \$215,000, up 43 compared to 2012. The fortification of wheat flour with micronutrients is governed by Law 28,314 (August 3, 2004); Supreme Decrees 008-2005-SA (February 3, 2005) and 012-2006-SA (June 23, 2006) provide the implementing regulatory framework. Peruvian technical norm (NTP) 206.010:1981 (revised 2011) – PASTA AND NOODLES FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION establishes requirements for the production and sale of pasta (including non-wheat pasta).

## General Information:

**Wheat Flour Enrichment:** The fortification of wheat flour with micronutrients is governed by [Law 28,314](#) (August 3, 2004); Supreme Decrees [008-2005-SA](#) (February 3, 2005) and [012-2006-SA](#) (June 23, 2006) provide the implementing regulatory framework for national production, imports, and donated products. Peruvian technical norm (NTP) [NTP 206.010:1981 \(revised 2011\)](#) – PASTA AND NOODLES FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION establishes requirements for the production and sale of pastas (including non-wheat pasta).

**Table 1: Micronutrients, Fortification Levels**

IRON:	55 mg/kg
NIACIN:	48 mg/kg
TIAMINA:	5 mg/kg
RIBOFLAVIN:	4 mg/kg
FOLIC ACID:	1.2 mg/kg

Source: Peru, Supreme Decree 008-2005-SA, article 4 and Supreme Decree 012-2006-SA.

**Food Additive Limits for Pasta:** Peru lacks a specific technical norm limiting food additives in pasta. Peru currently adopts the List of Codex Specification for Food Additives (see, [CAC/MISC 6-2013](#)). At FAS Lima, we are unaware of Peru following any specific Andean Community of Nations norms limiting food additives in pasta.

**Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO):** The Consumer Protection and Defense Code - [Law 29,571](#) (August 14, 2010), article 37 addresses GMO labelling issues. The law requires that products with genetically engineered content must declare this content on the product label. FAS Lima to the best of its knowledge is unaware of any implementation regulation currently in place.

We understand that Law 29,571 seeks to ensure that consumers are able to access wholesome and safe products and services. This code also provides a sanction mechanism. Although the code is highly detailed, attempting to define a plethora of production and commercialization issues, it is nonetheless handicapped by the absence of implementing regulation. Peruvian industry views this law largely as unnecessary political grandstanding. Sources indicate that poor monitoring and weak enforcement capabilities limit the effectiveness of Peruvian regulatory agencies.

The Ministry of Health's DIGESA (i.e., Peru's Food Safety Agency), once implementing regulations are enacted will oversee the enforcement of Law 29,571. Until then, the absence of a regulatory framework limits DIGESA from enforcing the law. Absent an implementing regulation, product with genetically engineered content continues to be widely commercialized.

To the best of our understanding, local industry applies for a sanitary registration permit and merely complies with the requirements of the same.

**Trade and Production Summary:** FAS Lima estimates Peru's pasta and noodle production at 418,000 metric tons (MT) in calendar year (CY) 2013. Calendar year (CY) 2013 U.S. pasta exports to Peru reached \$215,000, up 43 percent compared to 2012. U.S.-origin pasta and noodle exports to Peru in CY 2014 (Jan-April) are at \$94,000, up by 66 percent compared to the same period in 2013.

**Table 2: Peru, Top Pasta Imports by HS Codes**

HS	Description
190	Pasta, Prepared Or Not; Cou
190	Pasta, Uncooked, Not Stuffe
190	Pasta, Prepared NESOI
190	Pasta, Stuffed, Whether Or N
190	Pasta, Uncooked, Not Stuffe
190	Couscous

Note: HS = Harmonized Tariff System.  
Source: Global Trade Atlas.

**Table 3: Peru, Pasta Market Size (CY 2013)**

Total Mar	
Total Loc	
Total Exp	
Total Imp	
Total Imp	

Source: FAS Lima office research and Global Trade Atlas.