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Sri Lanka Notifies Draft Melamine in Food Products Regulation to WTO

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Report Highlights:

The Ministry of Health notified a draft regulation on melamine in food products on October 15th, 2009. This regulation specifies maximum residue levels for melamine in milk and milk based products. The comment deadline is December 14, 2009.

General Information:

Introduction: This report provides a brief overview of a draft amendment to the “Food Act No. 26 of 1980”, issued by the Ministry of Health. The amendment was notified to the WTO on October 15, 2009 ([G/SPS/N/LKA/17](#)).

Disclaimer: This summary is based on an initial review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural exports to Sri Lanka.

Type of Regulation: Food Safety

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Important Dates:

- **Notification to the WTO:** October 15, 2009
- **Regulation to Become Effective:** March 8, 2010
- **Comment Deadline:** December 14, 2009

Products Affected: Milk and milk based products.

Agency in Charge: Food Control Unit, Ministry of Health.

Notified Text: “Amendment to Food Act No. 26 of 1980” (see below).

Post Comments: The proposed regulation sets a maximum residue level for melamine in milk and milk based products at .05 parts per million. The deadline for comments on the regulation is December 14th, 2009.

Amendment to FOOD ACT No. 26 OF 1980

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Health under section 32 of the Food Act No. 26 of 1980 as amended by the the Food (Amendment) Act No. 20 of 1991 in consultation with the Food Advisory Committee.

Colombo.....

Nimal Siripala de Silva
Minister of Healthcare & Nutrition

1. **These regulations may be cited as the Food (Melamine in food products) Regulations 2009 and shall come into effect from 2009**
2. **No person shall import, manufacture, transport, distribute, sell, offer or keep for sale any milk or milk based product in Sri Lanka, containing melamine and its analogues in levels exceeding 0.5 mg/kg (ppm.)**

3. No person shall import any milk or milk based products without a Certificate of Conformity to these regulations issued by the relevant National Authority of the exporting country.