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**FOODSTUFFS, COSMETICS AND DISINFECTANTS ACT, 1972
(ACT No. 54 OF 1972)**

**REGULATIONS GOVERNING MICROBIOLOGICAL STANDARDS FOR
FOODSTUFFS AND RELATED MATTERS: AMENDMENT**

The Minister of Health has, in terms of section 15(1) of the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, 1972 (Act No. 54 of 1972), made the regulations in the Schedule.

SCHEDULE

1. In these regulations "the Regulations " means the regulations published under Government Notice No. R. 692 of 16 May 1997, as amended by Government Notice No. R. 427 of 5 May 2000, Government Notice No. R. 490 of 8 June 2001 and Government Notice No. R. 1588 of 20 December 2002.

2. Amendment of regulation 6 of the Regulations

Regulation 6 of the regulations is hereby amended by the substitution for regulation 6.1 of the following:

"6.1 In the case of partly cooked or uncooked sea-water and freshwater foods such as prawns, shrimps, crayfish, lobsters, crab meat, eels or fish-

(a) a histamine content of more than 10 mg per 100 grams of the foodstuffs, when tested according to AOAC (Association of Official Analytical Chemists) method 977.13 (1990), shall indicate decomposition of the foodstuff, and more than 20 mg per 100 grams shall render the foodstuff unsafe for human consumption;

- (b) no antibiotics shall be present;
- (c) no organisms of the genera *Salmonella* and *Shigella* and no species of *Vibrio cholerae* and *V.parahaemolyticus* shall be present in 25 grams;
- (d) *Staphylococcus aureus* shall not exceed 10 colony forming units per gram;
- (e) Presumptive *Escherichia coli* shall not be present in 10 gram; and
- (f) The total colony count for organisms shall not exceed 1 million per gram when such foodstuff is tested by the pour-plate method on plate count agar at 30°C for 72 hour.
- (g) In the case of oysters, mussels or clams, the number of Faecal coliforms shall not exceed 500 per 100 gram when harvested from waters that have been approved for shellfish harvesting and 6000 per 100 gram when harvested from restricted areas as according to the South African Molluscan Shellfish Monitoring and Control Programme established in terms of the Marine Living Resource Act, 1998 (Act No. 18 of 1998);"



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