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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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FOODSTUFFS, COSMETICS AND DISINFECTANTS ACT, 1972 (ACT 54 OF 1972)

REGULATIONS RELATING TO MAXIMUM LEVELS FOR MELAMINE IN FOODSTUFFS

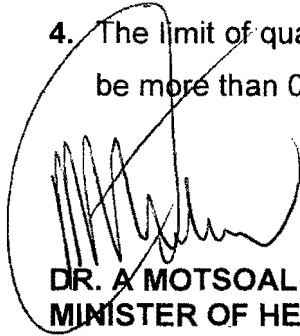
The Minister for Health has, in terms of section 15 (1) of the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, 1972 (Act 54 of 1972), made the regulations set out in the Schedule.

SCHEDULE

1. In these regulations "the Act" shall mean the Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, 1972 (Act 54 of 1972) and any expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall bear such meaning.
2. For the purposes of section 2 (1) (b) (i) of the Act, in so far as it is applied and applicable to foodstuffs, the following foodstuffs are hereby deemed to be contaminated, impure, or adulterated:
 - (a) All foodstuffs which contain more than 2.5 milligrams per kilogram melamine;
 - (b) All infant formulas, foodstuffs intended for children under 36 months of age and foodstuffs for special dietary uses, which contain more than 1 milligram per kilogram melamine.

3. For official purposes of analysis of foodstuffs for the presence of melamine, the only method to be used will be: Liquid Chromatography Coupled Mass Spectroscopy (LCMSMS).

4. The limit of quantitation, irrespective of the method of analysis used, shall not be more than 0.25 mg/kg.



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