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Report Highlights:

This is an UNOFFICIAL translation of the People's Republic of China DRAFT Standard for Lead in Foods and should be used as a guide only. Exporters should carefully discuss regulations and their application with Chinese importers to ensure that their interpretation is accurate.

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Introduction

The People's Republic of China Ministry of Health (MOH) published DRAFT versions of several National Standards in August 2002 on the MOH website (www.moh.gov.cn). This document is an UNOFFICIAL translation of a National Standard that appeared on that website.

The MOH has not published a final version to this DRAFT therefore, the previous standard is still valid. National Standards that are abbreviated 'GB' and issued by MOH are compulsory standards that both China's domestic goods and goods imported into China must satisfy. MOH standards abbreviated 'GB/T' are voluntary.

At this time, U.S. industry and government officials are invited to offer comments on the DRAFTED National Standard. Questions and comments can be submitted to the USDA FAS International Trade Policy Office of Food Safety and Technical Services by fax (202-690-0677) or by email (ofsts@fas.usda.gov). Questions can also be provided to the U.S. Embassy Office of Agricultural Affairs by fax (86-10-6532-2962) or by email (AgBeijing@fas.usda.gov).

Once finalized, the Standard will replace GB14935-94 Maximum Levels of Lead in Food.

Items noted in the DRAFT for Maximum Levels of Lead in Foods

Comparing this Standard with GB14935-94, the main modifications are as follows:

- China has adopted the CAC standard and revised the four maximum level indexes of cereal, beans, fruits and vegetables.
- China has added the maximum levels of eleven items including edible offal of poultry and livestock, prawn and crabs, soft shell seafood, small sized fruits, berries, grapes, carmus (excluding kohlrabi), leafy vegetables (exclude spinach), infant powder, fruit spirits and fruit juice.
- China has revised the maximum levels of potatoes and the meat of poultry and livestock according to CAC standard.
- China has supplemented the maximum levels of iron in tea.

Maximum Levels of Lead in Foods

1. Scope of application

This standard specifies the maximum levels of lead in food.

This standard applies to such food as cereal, beans, potatoes, vegetables, fruits, meat, aquatic products, eggs, milk, tea and ratafee.

2. Documents Cited by this Standard

The clauses in the following documents that were cited by this Standard became clauses of this Standard. For cited documents with a date, all their subsequent modifications or revisions do not apply to this Standard. However, parties having reached an agreement based on cited standards with a date are encouraged to study whether the latest versions of the cited documents with a date are applicable. For cited documents without a date, the latest versions apply to this Standard.

GB/T5009.12 Determination of Lead in Food.

3. Index Requirements

Maximum levels of lead in food are shown in Table 1.

Table 1 Maximum Levels of Lead in Food

Items	Maximum Level (MLs, mg/kg)
Cereals	0.2
Beans	0.2
Potatoes	0.2
Meat of poultry and livestock	0.2
Edible offal of poultry and livestock	0.5
Fish	0.5
Carapace	0.5
Soft shell seafood	1.0
Fruits	0.1
Small fruits, berries, grape	0.2
Vegetables (excluding carmus, leafy vegetables and edible fungi)	0.1
Carmus vegetables	0.3
Leafy vegetables	0.3
Fresh milk	0.05
Infant powder (with milk as raw material, tested after pouring and mixing)	0.02
Fresh eggs	0.2
Fruit spirits	0.2
Fruit juice	0.05
Tea	5

4. Inspection Methods

Determined in accordance with methods specified in GB/T5009.12.