NOTIFICATION

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** ARGENTINA  **If applicable, name of local government involved:** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:** *Subgrupo de Trabajo No. 3 "Reglamento Técnico y Evaluación de la Conformidad" - MERCOSUR* (Working Subgroup No. 3: "Technical regulation and conformity assessment" - MERCOSUR) |
| **3.** | **Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):** Rice and rice products other than oil |
| **4.** | **Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:**  **[X] All trading partners**  **[ ] Specific regions or countries:** |
| **5.** | **Title of the notified document:** *Límites Máximos de Contaminantes Inorgánicos en Alimentos* (Maximum levels of inorganic contaminants in food) **Language(s):** Spanish **Number of pages:** 2  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/ARG/20_4746_00_s.pdf> |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** The notified text updates the limit for arsenic in rice laid down in GMC Resolution No. 12/11, in order to bring it into line with levels for inorganic arsenic established in the Codex Alimentarius. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [ ] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [ ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests.** |
| **8.** | **Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:**  **[X] Codex Alimentarius Commission (*e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text*):** CODEX STAN 193-1995 (most recent version)  **[ ] World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)*:**  **[ ] International Plant Protection Convention (*e.g. ISPM No.*):**  **[ ] None**  **Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?**  **[X] Yes [ ] No**  **If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:** |
| **9.** | **Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:** GMC Resolution No. 12/11 *"Reglamento Técnico Mercosur sobre Límites Máximos de Contaminantes Inorgánicos en Alimentos"* |
| **10.** | **Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*:**  **Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*:** |
| **11.** | **Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or (*dd/mm/yy*):**  **[ ] Trade facilitating measure** |
| **12.** | **Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*):** 5 October 2020  **Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [ ] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:**  *Punto Focal SPS Argentina* (SPS Focal Point of Argentina)  *Ministerio de Agricultura, Ganadería y Pesca* (Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries)  Av. Paseo Colón 982. Oficina 203 - CP: C1107ADQ  Ciudad de Buenos Aires - Argentina  Tel.: (+5411) 4363 6289  Email: [sps-argentina@magyp.gob.ar](mailto:sps-argentina@magyp.gob.ar)  Website: [www.agroindustria.gob.ar](http://www.agroindustria.gob.ar/) |
| **13.** | **Text(s) available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [ ] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and email address (if available) of other body:**  *Punto Focal SPS Argentina*  *Ministerio de Agricultura, Ganadería y Pesca*  Av. Paseo Colón 982. Oficina 203 - CP: C1107ADQ  Ciudad de Buenos Aires - Argentina  Tel.: (+5411) 4363 6289  Email: [sps-argentina@magyp.gob.ar](mailto:sps-argentina@magyp.gob.ar)  Website: [www.agroindustria.gob.ar](http://www.agroindustria.gob.ar/) |