

Sanitation Standards for General Foods

Article 1

This Standard is prescribed in accordance with the provisions of Article 17 and the second paragraph of Article 15 of the Act Governing Food Safety and Sanitation (herein referred to as "this Act").

Article 2

For foods which have their own sanitation standards, those standards shall be applied to the respective foods.

Article 3

Foods being sold shall have normal and reasonable acceptable traits, flavor and color. No discoloration, off odor or flavor, abnormal clot or precipitate, contamination, visible moldy, foreign matter, insects or parasite can be permitted, because of bad hygiene, poor quality or improper processing process control.

Article 4

The maximum levels of metals, mycotoxins, other contaminants and toxins in foods, except as foods which have their own sanitation standards, shall meet the "Sanitation Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in Food".

Article 5

The maximum level of microorganism for general foods:

Item Category	MPN of Coliform bacteria per gram	MPN of <i>E. coli</i> per gram
General foods served without preparing treatments (including washing, peeling, heating, cooking, etc.)	Not more than 10^3	Negative
General foods to be served after preparing treatments (including washing, peeling, heating, cooking, etc.)	—	—

Article 6

Water for food production:

1. Water used in the production of food grade ice cubes, beverage, bottled and packaged drinking water shall meet the requirement of “Drinking Water Quality Standards” set by the competent environmental authorities.
2. The maximum levels of bromate in bottled and packaged drinking water shall not be more than 0.01 mg/L.

Article 7

The caffeine contents of packed beverages:

1. Caffeine contents of tea and cocoa shall not exceed 500 mg/L.
2. The beverages other than tea, coffee and cocoa, caffeine contents shall not exceed 320 mg/L.

Article 8

Infant formula, follow-up infant formula, infant formula for special medical purposes and cereal based foods for infants not more than 12 months of age, residue pesticide shall not be more than 0.01 ppm. This limit will reference to pesticides minimum detectable level, when this level is greater or less than 0.01 ppm.

That violation of this Article shall be sanctioned in accordance with violation subparagraphs 5 of paragraph 1 of Article 15 of this Act.

Article 9

This Standard shall be implemented at release date.