


Food safety standards of “Maximum residue limits of pesticides in foodstuffs” has entered into force*

In accordance with article 7 of law no. 5/2013 “Food safety law”, the production and operation of food must comply with food safety standards.

					
	<p>“Maximum residue limits of pesticides in foodstuffs” established:</p> <p>Over 5,500 standards for maximum limits across 16 food categories, include vegetables, fruits, cereals and other foods</p>				
	<p>Advice for the food industry:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ① Purchase food from reliable suppliers. Do not supply or sell food and ingredients that have not been tested and inspected; ② Get to know whether or not the food entered Macao in compliance with law, and ask suppliers for information about the source of food; ③ Keep records of incoming and outgoing inventory and related documents to facilitate source tracing. 				
					
			 <p>QR Code to webpages of “Food Safety Law, Standards & Guidelines”</p>		

Food safety standards already in effective

Number	Food Safety Standards
Administrative Regulation no. 13/2013	Maximum residue limits of veterinary drugs in foodstuffs
Administrative Regulation no. 6/2014 (Amended by Administrative Regulation No. 3/2016)	List of prohibited substances for use in food
Administrative Regulation no. 16/2014	Maximum limits of radionuclides in foodstuffs
Administrative Regulation no. 16/2015	Limits of pathogenic microorganisms in powdered infant formulae
Administrative Regulation no. 2/2016	Limits of pathogenic microorganisms in milk products
Administrative Regulation no. 13/2016	Maximum limits of mycotoxins in food
Administrative Regulation no. 28/2016	Nutritional requirements for infant formula
Administrative Regulation no. 30/2017	Standard for uses of food coloring in foodstuffs
Administrative Regulation no. 12/2018	Standard for uses of sweeteners in foodstuffs
Administrative Regulation no. 23/2018	Maximum limits of heavy metal contaminants in food
Administrative Regulation no. 7/2019	Standard for uses of preservatives and antioxidants in foodstuffs
Administrative Regulation no. 11/2020 (Amended by Administrative Regulation No. 2/2023)	Maximum residue limits of pesticides in foodstuffs



Food safety standards are promulgated in the form of an administrative regulation and are legally binding. It is important safety criteria for food industry to strictly comply with during the food production and operation. Any person who

violates these standards is punishable by imprisonment or a fine of MOP 50,000 to 600,000.



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