

The notifications of the MOHSA of the Korean government have further defined the specifications and standards of food and food products:

Currently the specifications and standards are made for 131 items of food and food products (e.g. noodle, sugar, jam, etc.), 366 colouring matters and preservatives, and there are 11 guidelines for packaging and containers.

E.G. Jam and Fruit Jellies

- Moisture (%) : 35.0 or less
- Total sugar (%) : 55.0 or more
- Starch and gelatin : None detectable
- Tar colouring matter: None detectable
- Other specifications for form, preservatives, etc.

Tolerances or Guidelines on Food/Fish Products

Mercury: 0.5 ppm.

For the details of the specifications and standards, please refer to the Notification No. 86-10 of the MOHSA (revised in 1986).

Food and food products, additives, preservatives and containers/tools/machines related to food packaging and processing which do not meet the specifications and standards notified by the MOHSA are prohibited from import.

Importers of food and food products of which specifications and standards are not notified by the MOHSA should obtain an approval for import from the relevant quarantine offices specified by the MOHSA.

- In this case, the importer or supplier of those products should provide the relevant quarantine office with self-made specifications and standards for their own quality control.

3) IMPORT PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS

Two categories of food and food products exist in terms of import restriction:

- i) Non-restricted food and food products for import
- ii) Restricted food and food products for import