

**Voluntary Report** – Voluntary - Public Distribution

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**Report Highlights:**

On March 7, 2023, the People's Republic of China (PRC) notified revised Maximum Levels (MLs) of Nitrite to the World Trade Organization (WTO) under G/SPS/N/CHN/1276. The proposed date of entry into force is to be determined. Comments may be submitted to the PRC's SPS National Notification and Enquiry Center until May 5, 2023. This report provides an unofficial translation of the draft standard.

## Summary

On March 7, 2023, the PRC notified “National Food Safety Standard for MLs of Contaminants in Foods (GB2762-2022) 4.8 MLs of Nitrite” to the WTO under [G/SPS/N/CHN/1276](#). The standard revised the MLs of nitrite in packaged drinking water (excluding natural mineral water for drinking) and added new ML requirements for edible bird’s nest. Please see FAS GAIN Report [CH2023-0040](#) for the translation of the full text of National Food Safety Standard for Maximum Levels of Contaminants in Foods (GB2762-2022), which will enter into force on June 30, 2023.

This report provides an unofficial translation of the draft standard. Changes to the MLs of nitrite in foods have been marked in red in the translation.

## BEGIN TRANSLATION

National Food Safety Standard for Maximum Levels of Contaminants in Foods (GB2762-2022)

4.8 Maximum Levels of Nitrite (Draft for Comment)

GB 2762— XXXX

### Foreword

This standard replaced GB2762-2022 National Food Safety Standard for Maximum Levels for Contaminants in Foods 4.8 Maximum Levels of Nitrite.

In comparison with 4.8 Maximum Levels of Nitrite in GB2762-2022, the current standard has the following changes:

- Revised MLs of Nitrite for packaged drinking water (excluding drinking natural mineral water);
- Added in MLs requirements of Nitrite in edible bird’s nest.

#### 1. Indicator requirements

##### 1.1 Nitrite

###### 1.1.1 See Table 1 for maximum levels of Nitrite

**Table 1 Maximum Levels of Nitrite in Foods**

Food Category (Name)	Limits mg/kg (NaNO <sub>2</sub> basis)
Vegetable and vegetable products Pickled vegetables	20
Milk and milk products Raw milk Milk powder and modified milk powder	0.4 2.0
Beverages <b>Packaged drinking water</b>	<b>0.1 mg/L (NO<sub>2</sub> basis)</b>
Foods intended for special dietary uses Formula for infants and young children <sup>a</sup> Formula foods for infants, older infants, and young children Formulas for special medical purposes intended for infants Complementary foods for infants and young children Cereal-based complementary foods for infants and young children Canned complementary foods for infants and young children Formulas for special medical purposes (excluding varieties related to formulas for special medical purposes intended for infants) Complementary food supplement Nutrient supplementary food for pregnant and lactating women	2.0 <sup>b</sup> (powdered product basis) 2.0 (powdered product basis)  2.0 <sup>c</sup> 4.0 <sup>c</sup> 2.0 <sup>d</sup> (solid product basis) 2.0 <sup>b</sup> 2.0 <sup>c</sup>
<b>Other category</b> <b>Edible bird's nest</b>	<b>30</b>
<p>a Limits for liquid formula foods for infants and young children are converted using a ratio of 8:1.</p> <p>b Only apply to milk-based products.</p> <p>c Not applicable to products that have beans added.</p> <p>d Only applicable to milk-based products (do not contain bean substances).</p>	

1.1.2 Testing methods: beverages are tested using methods provided in GB 8538, other foods are tested using methods provided in GB 5009.33.

**END TRANSLATION**

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.