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ITALY INTENDS TO ADOPT NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR FOOD CONTACT STAINLESS STEELS

Italy has recently informed the European Commission of its intention to adopt a draft technical regulation on food contact stainless steels via the [notification 98/34/EC](#) procedure. The Commission and other Member States have a 3-month standstill period to examine the notified text.

On 22 April 2015, the European Commission published [Notification Number 2015/213/I](#), a proposal intended to be adopted by Italy, to amend the Health Ministry Decree of 21 March 1973 on food contact stainless steels. The proposal is intended to replace Article 37 of the Health Ministry Decree of 21 March 1973 on food contact steels. It defines:

- Methods for overall migration
- Methods for the specific migration of chromium, nickel and manganese
- Conditions to be utilised for articles intended to come into prolonged contact at room temperature
- Conditions for reusable articles that are intended for short periods with heat or at room temperature
- Conditions for reusable cooking and dining cutting implements that are intended for short periods with heat or at room temperature
- Conditions for reusable articles that are intended to be in contact with water for short periods with heat or at room temperature
- Specific migration limits for chromium (III), nickel and manganese for articles in this proposal



TABLE 1.

ENTRY	PARAMETER	REMARK
1	Overall migration	Methods defined
2	Articles intended to come into prolonged contact at room temperature	3% Acetic acid at 40 °C for 10 days
3	Reusable articles intended for short periods with heat or at room temperature	3% Acetic acid at 100 °C for 30 mins
4	Reusable cooking and dining cutting implements for short periods with heat or at room temperature	3% Acetic acid at 70 °C for 30 mins
5	Reusable articles for water for short periods with heat or at room temperature	Distilled water at 100 °C for 30 mins
6	Specific migration	≤ 0.1 ppm each of chromium (III), nickel and manganese

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