EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

ISSUED BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

AMENDMENT OF THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY PUBLIC HEALTH (SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS) REGULATIONS

No. 16 of 1975

The Minister for Health has amended the Public Health (Sale of Food and Drugs) Regulations to prescribe the maximum permissible level of mercury in seafood.

The maximum permissible level of mercury in seafood intended for human consumption will be 0.5 parts of mercury, calculated as the metal of mercury, per million parts of seafood. This gives effect to a recommendation of the National Health and Medical Research Council.