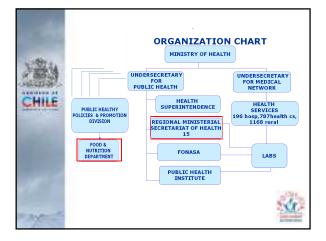


MINISTRY OF HEALTH

The mission of Ministry of Health (MINSAL) is to contribute to elevate the level of the population's health; to develop the systems of health harmoniously, centered in people; to strengthen the control of the factors that can affect the health and to reinforce the administration of the national network. All this to collect opportunely needs of the people, families and communities, with the obligation of to render accounts to the citizenship and to promote the participation of the same ones in the exercise of their rights and their duties.











GENERAL CONDITION OF FOOD CONTROL AND INSPECTION

• The Sanitary Code is the main official regulatory document on sanitary matters, assigning responsibilities and authority to the different regulatory bodies, and constitutes the basis for the more specific regulations.

•The Food Sanitary Regulation is the document that regulates all those matters concerning manipulation, storage and manufacture of food products. It also specifies the minimal nutritional qualities, and the maximum levels permitted of chemical and biological residues.





This regulation applies to imported food products and local production, and is executed by the Regional Health Secretariats (SEREMI) through their inspecting and analytical divisions.

The Public Health Institute (ISP) is the appointed reference laboratory for the analytical laboratories of the public health system.

The monitoring programs are mainly directed to the most sensitive issues, according to the specific needs of the different regions.



SANITARY CODE TITLE III

ABOUT SANCTIONS AND SANITARY MEASURES

Article 178 (169).: The authority, as sanitary measure, will be able to order in justified cases the closing, prohibition of operation of houses, premises or establishments, paralyzation of tasks, seizure, destruction and denature of products.

FOOD SANITARY REGULATION TITLE II FOODS General provisions

Article 102.- The manufacture, import, possession, distribution, marketing or transfer for any reason of foods that are altered, contaminated, adulterated and falsified is prohibited.

