



Title: China releases 53 national standards as regards food safety

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Abstract: National Health and Family Planning Commission of the People's Republic of China (NHFPC) releases 53 national standards as regards food safety on 18 November 2016.

National Health and Family Planning Commission of the People's Republic of China (NHFPC) has released 53 national standards as regards food safety including GB 4806.1-2016 *Food Safety—National Standard on Food Contact Materials and Articles—General Requirements* on 18 November 2016.

In the new regulatory framework of food contact materials (FCMs) of China, food contact articles are divided into different categories as per their materials, namely: enamels, ceramics, glasses, plastic resins, plastics, paper and paper board, metal materials, coatings and rubber materials. Meanwhile, the requirements for disinfect tableware and use of additives in food contact materials and articles are also updated. *See the table below for more details:*

Standard No.	Standard Title	Superseded Standard	Date of Publication	Date of Applicability
GB 4806.1-2016	Food Safety—National Standard on Food Contact Materials and Articles—General Requirements		19 Oct. 2016	19 Oct. 2017
GB 4806.3-2016	Food Safety—National Standard on Enamel Articles	GB 4804-1984	19 Oct. 2016	19 Apr. 2017
GB 4806.4-2016	Food Safety—National Standard on Ceramic Articles	GB 13121-1991 GB 14147-1993 GB 8058-2003 GB 12651-2003	19 Oct. 2016	19 Apr. 2017
GB 4806.5-2016	Food Safety—National Standard on Glass Articles	GB 19778-2005	19 Oct. 2016	19 Apr. 2017
GB 4806.6-2016	Food Safety—National Standard on Plastic Resins for Food Contact Materials and Articles	GB 4803-1994 GB 9691-1988 GB 9692-1988 GB 9693-1988 GB 13114-1991 GB 13115-1991 GB 13116-1991 GB 15204-1994 GB 16331-1996	19 Oct. 2016	19 Apr. 2017
GB 4806.7-2016	Food Safety—National Standard on Food Contact Plastic Materials and Articles	GB 9681-1988 GB 9687-1988 GB 9688-1988 GB 9689-1988 GB 9690-2009 GB 13113-1991	19 Oct. 2016	19 Apr. 2017

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		GB 13115-1991 GB 14942-1994 GB 14944-1994 GB 16332-1996 GB 17326-1998 GB 17327-1998		
GB 4806.8-2016	Food Safety—National Standard on Food Contact Paper and Paper Board Materials and Articles	GB 11680-1989 GB 19305-2003	19 Oct. 2016	19 Apr. 2017
GB 4806.9-2016	Food Safety—National Standard on Food Contact Metal Materials and Articles	GB 9684-2011 GB 11333-1989	19 Oct. 2016	19 Apr. 2017
GB 4806.10-2016	Food Safety—National Standard on Food Contact Paints and Coatings	GB 4805-1994 GB 7105-1986 GB 9680-1988 GB 9682-1988 GB 9686-2012 GB 11676-2012 GB 11677-2012 GB 11678-1989	19 Oct. 2016	19 Apr. 2017
GB 4806.11-2016	Food Safety—National Standard on Food Contact Rubber Materials and Articles	GB 4806.1-1994	19 Oct. 2016	19 Apr. 2017
GB 14934-2016	Food Safety—National Standard on Disinfect Tableware	GB 14934-1994	19 Oct. 2016	19 Apr. 2017
GB 9685-2016	Food Safety—National Standard on Use of Additives in Food Contact Materials and Articles	GB 9685-2008	19 Oct. 2016	19 Oct. 2017

The publication also covers 41 standards for relevant test methods.

It is known that the 56 Chinese national standards had been approved by the Food Safety Sub-commission under National Standard for Food Safety Review Commission by the end of 2015, which concluded the task of standard harmonisation and improved the framework for food-related standards in China. These newly released standards (except to GB 14934-2016 and GB 9685-2016) include provisions for migration test posing higher requirements for FCMS compliance. C&K Testing advises businesses should learn about the new standards and the date of applicability to check compliance.

Further information

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