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Report Highlights:

To assist U.S. exporters, FAS Tel Aviv has translated Israel's limits on heavy metals in foodstuffs.

The Israeli Ministry of Health's National Food Control Service regulates heavy metals limits in various foodstuffs. Exporters and importers should check that the amount in exported foods does not exceed the permitted limits. To assist U.S. exporters, FAS Tel Aviv has translated Israel's limits on heavy metals in foodstuffs. Post advises working closely with Israeli importers as limits may be updated.

Unofficial Translation of Israel's Heavy Metal Limits in Foodstuffs

Table 1: Limits for Lead (mg/kg)

Food Category	Maximum amount (mg/kg)
1. Milk	0.02
1.1 Milk products	0.02
2. Oils and fats and fat emulsions (oil-in-water type)	0.1
3. Fruits and vegetables (excluding the items that are mentioned below)	0.1
3.1 Leaf vegetables, celery, mushrooms, edible plants, and herbs	0.3
3.2 Dried leaf vegetables, celery, mushrooms, edible plants, and herbs	1.5
3.3 Root vegetables, stem, bulb	0.1
3.4 Seasonal vegetables (tomato, cucumber, pepper, etc.)	0.05
4. Pulses (dried) (excluding the items that are mentioned below)	0.2
4.1 Peanuts and soybeans	0.2
5. Cereal & its products	0.2
6. Oily seeds and olives	1
7. Raw tea and plants for infusion	5
8. Fresh seaweed	1
8.1 Dried seaweed	5
9. Meat & its products, including poultry and hunting (excluding the items that are mentioned below)	0.1
9.1 Beef, sheep, goat, and poultry offal	0.5
10. Fish & its products (excluding the items that are mentioned below)	0.3
10.1 Crustacea	0.5
10.2 Clams	1.5
10.3 Octopus and squid	0.3
11. Eggs and egg powder	0.1
12. Sugar	0.5
13. Salt	2
14. Cacao powder	1
15. Infant/baby formulas (ready to eat)	0.01
15.1 Infant /baby formulas (in powder)	0.05
15.2 Infant/baby porridge (ready to eat)	0.04
15.3 Infant/baby porridge (in powder)	0.08
16. Designated food	0.01
17. Dietary supplement	3
18. Beverages (excluding dairy products and the items that are mentioned below)	0.02
18.1 Bottled water and mineral water	0.01
18.2 Fruit and vegetable juices, including nectars, excluding the items that are	0.03

Food Category	Maximum amount (mg/kg)
mentioned below	
18.3 Juices made only of berries and small fruit	0.05
19. Preserved fruit (excluding dairy products and the items that are mentioned below)	0.1
19.1. Preserved small fruit (raspberries and strawberries)	1
20. Preserved vegetables (excluding dairy products and the items that are mentioned below)	0.1
20.1 Preserved brassicas	0.3
20.2 Tomato concentrate	1.5
21. Jams and gels	1
22. Wine	0.2
23. Honey	0.1

Table 2: Limits for Cadmium (mg/kg)

Food Category	Maximum amount (mg/kg)
1. Milk	0.005
1.1 Milk products	0.05
2. Oils and fats and fat emulsions (oil-in-water type)	0.03
3. Fruits and vegetables (excluding the items that are mentioned below)	0.05
3.1 Leaf vegetables, celery, mushrooms, edible plants, and herbs	0.2
3.2 Dried leaf vegetables, celery, mushrooms, edible plants, and herbs	1
3.3 Root vegetables, stem, bulb	0.1
4. Pulses (dried) (excluding the items that are mentioned below)	0.1
4.1 Peanuts and soybeans	0.2
5. Cereal & its products (excluding the items that are mentioned below)	0.1
5.1. Wheat and rice	0.2
5.2 Oily seeds and olives	0.5
6. Raw tea and plants for infusion	0.1
7. Fresh seaweed	1
7.1 Dried seaweed	5
8. Meat & its products, including poultry and hunting (excluding the items that are mentioned below)	0.05
8.1 Beef, sheep, goats and poultry offal and fat (excluding the items that are mentioned below)	0.5
8.2 Turkey liver	1
8.3 Beef, sheep, goat, pig, and poultry kidneys	1
9. Fish & its products (excluding the items that are mentioned below)	0.05
9.1 Tuna, anchovy, sardine, swordfish, shark, and other carnivorous fish	0.25
9.2 Crustacea	0.5
9.3 Clams, octopus, and squid	1
10. Eggs and egg powder	0.01
11. Sugar	0.15
12. Salt	0.5
13. Cacao, chocolate, and its products	0.5
14. Infant/baby formulas (ready to eat)	0.005
14.1 Infant /baby formulas (in powder)	0.01
14.2 Infant/baby formulas from soy or containing soy (ready to eat)	0.01
14.3 Infant/baby formulas from soy or containing soy (in powder)	0.02
14.4 Infant/baby porridge (in powder)	0.04
15. Designated food	0.005
16. Dietary supplement	1
16.1 Dietary supplement containing mostly dried seaweed and its products	3
17. Bottled water and mineral water	0.003
17.1 Beverages, juices, and nectars	0.01

Table 3: Limits for Mercury (mg/kg)

Food Category	Maximum amount (mg/kg)
1. Milk	0.01
1.1 Milk products	0.1
2. Oils and fats and fat emulsions (oil-in-water type)	0.02
3. Fruits and vegetables- including mushrooms and herbs	0.03
3.1 Dried fruits and vegetables- including mushrooms and herbal plants	0.15
4.Pulses (dried), including wheat and rice	0.03
4.1 Oily seeds	0.4
5. Cereal & its products including peanuts and soy	0.03
6. Raw tea and plants for infusion	0.05
7. Fresh seaweed	0.5
7.1 Dried seaweed	2.5
8. Meat & its products, including poultry and hunting, including offal	0.2
9. Fish & its products (excluding the items that are mentioned below)	0.5
9.1 Tuna, anchovy, sardine, swordfish, shark, and other carnivorous fish	1
9.2 Seafood	0.5
10. Eggs and egg powder	0.03
11. Sugar	0.1
12. Salt	0.1
13. Cacao powder	0.2
14. Infant/baby formulas (ready to eat)	0.004
14.1 Infant /baby formulas (in powder)	0.015
14.2 Infant/baby porridge (ready to eat)	0.008
15. Dietary supplement	0.1
16. Designated food	0.004
17. Bottled water and mineral water	0.001
17.1 Beverages, juices, and nectars	0.01

Table 4: Limits for Arsenic (Non-Organic) and Arsenic (Total) (mg/kg)

	Arsenic (non-Organic)	Arsenic (Total)
Food Category	Maximum amount (mg/kg)	
1. Milk	0.01	1
1.1 Milk products	0.1	1
2. Oils and fats and fat emulsions (oil-in-water type)	0.1	1
3. Fruits and vegetables (excluding the items that are mentioned below)	0.06	1
3.1 Dried fruits and vegetables- including mushrooms, edible plants, and herbs	0.3	5
4.Pulses (dried) including peanuts and soybeans	0.1	1
5. Cereal & its products (excluding the items that are mentioned below)	-	1
5.1. Wheat	-	1
5.2. Rice	0.2	1
5.2.1 Rice used for making baby and toddler food	0.1	1
5.2.2 Waffles, crackers and cookies made primarily from rice	0.3	
5.3. Oily seeds and olives	-	1
6. Raw tea and plants for infusion	0.1	1
7. Fresh seaweed	-	1
7.1 Dried seaweed	-	5
8. Meat & its products, including poultry and hunting (excluding the items that are mentioned below)	0.02	1.0
8.1 Beef, sheep, goat, and poultry offal (excluding the items that are mentioned below)	0.2	1.0
8.2. Chicken and turkey liver	0.5	1
9. Fish & its products	-	1
9.1 Seafood	-	1
10. Eggs and egg powder	-	1
11. Sugar	0.5	1
12. Salt	0.5	1
13. Cacao powder	-	1
14. Infant/baby formulas (ready to eat)	0.01	1
14.1 Infant /baby formulas (in powder)	0.5	1
14.2 Infant/baby porridge (ready to eat)	0.025	1
15. Dietary supplement (excluding the items that are mentioned below)	-	1
15.1 Dietary supplement containing mostly dried seaweed and its products	-	5
16. Beverages (excluding dairy products and the items that are mentioned below)	0.1	1
16.1 Bottled water and mineral water	0.006	0.01
16.2 Fruit and vegetable juices, including nectars	0.2	1

Attachments:

No Attachments.