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Report Highlights:

On January 29, 2025, the Israeli Ministry of Justice and the Israeli Ministry of Health published a request for public comments for the application of changes to the Annex of European Union Directive 2023/915. The main purpose for the changes is to either add pollutants or change the values of the maximum permitted levels. The publication is open for public comment until February 12, 2025, 23:59 (Israel Standard Time).

A. The Purpose of the Publication

European Union (EU) Directive 2023/915 was adopted in Israel as part of the Food Reform (For more information, see GAIN: Israel Adopts Additional European Union Standards for Agricultural Imports).¹ As of April 25, 2024, the text published on the Israeli Food Control Service website aligned with EU legislation. However, because the EU updated their legislation, the Israeli Minister of Health has proposed changes to integrate the EU legislation into the Food Reform legislation. These changes relate to either adding pollutants or changing the values of maximum residue levels in food.²

B. Changes in the EU Directive 915/2023

A description of the changes in the EU Directive 915/2023 which Israel plans to adopt can be found in Table 1. It is further clarified that regarding food produced in Israel or imported into Israel prior to the effective date as stated in the table, will be permissible in the market until the end of its shelf life, according to the provisions adopted as drafted prior to this date and as stipulated in Section 3A(d)(4) of the Food Law.

Table 1: Details of Changes to the Israeli Legislation

	Name of EU Directive Amending Regulation 2023/915	Description of Amendments	Location of Amendments in Annex 1 of EU Regulation 2023/915	Implementation Date for EU Directive	Implementation Date for Israeli Legislation
1	Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/1003 of 4 April 2024³	Maximum levels for the sum of 3-monochloropropanediol (3-MCPD) and 3-MCPD fatty acid esters in infant formulae, follow-on formulae and food for special medical purposes intended for infants and young children and young child formulae	Replacing section 5, entry 5.3.3	January 1, 2025	May be implemented 30 days after the date of the EU publication
2	Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/1022 of 8 April 2024⁴	Maximum levels of deoxynivalenol in food	Replacing section 1, entry 1.4	July 1, 2024	May be implemented 30 days after the date of the EU publication
3	Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/1038 of 9 April 2024⁵	Maximum levels of T-2 and HT-2 toxins in food	Replacing section 1, entry 1.9	July 1, 2024	May be implemented 30 days after the date of the EU publication

¹ https://apps.fas.usda.gov/newgainapi/api/Report/DownloadReportByFileName?fileName=Israel%20Adopts%20Additional%20European%20Union%20Standards%20for%20Agricultural%20Imports_Tel%20Aviv_Israel_IS2024-0020

² <https://tazkirim.gov.il> (Hebrew Only)

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32024R1003&qid=1734895535041>

⁴ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1022>

⁵ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1038/oj>

4	Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/1756 of 25 June 2024⁶	Maximum levels for certain contaminants in food	Replacing sections and entries: 1.8.1; 1.9.5; 2.2.1; 2.3.2; 1.2.9; 1.2.10; 1.4.7; 1.4.9; 1.4.10; 1.5.1 to 1.5.4; 1.5.8; 1.6.1; 1.9.4; 1.9.9; 1.9.10; 2.2.2 to 2.2.4; 2.3.1; 4.1.1; 4.1.1.8; 4.1.11; 4.1.12; 5.1.13; 5.1.15 Replacing Note 6	July 16, 2024	May be implemented 30 days after the date of the EU publication
5	Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/1808 of 1 July 2024⁷	Application date of lower maximum levels for ergot sclerotia and ergot alkaloids in food	Exchange of details in sections and entries: 1.8.1.2; 1.8.2.1 Adding 1.8.2.1 a. Replacing 1.8.2.3	Item 1.8.1.2 – on July 1, 2025 Item 1.8.2.1 – on July 1, 2024 Item 1.8.2.1. and 1.8.2.3 – on July 1, 2028	Item 1.8.1.2 – on July 1, 2025 Item 1.8.2.1 – May be implemented 30 days after the date of the EU publication Item 1.8.2.1. a and 1.8.2.3 – on July 1, 2028
6	Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/1987 of 30 July 2024⁸	Maximum levels of nickel in certain foodstuffs	Adding 3.6	July 1, 2025	July 1, 2025

C. Submission for Public Comments

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At the start of the comments, the submitter must specify whom they represent. The Ministry Health - National Food Service (NFS), reserves the right to invite submitters to present their positions

⁶ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1756/oj/eng>

⁷ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1808/oj>

⁸ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/1987>

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[01-Notice from the Director of the National Food Service - Unofficial Google Translation.pdf](#)

[01-Notice from the Director of the National Food Service \(Hebrew\).pdf](#)

[02-Draft Notice Regarding the Implementation of Changes to the Annex of the European Union Regulations \(Hebrew\).docx](#)

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⁹ 01-Notice from the Director of the National Food Service