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**amending Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 setting maximum levels for certain
contaminants in foodstuffs**

(Text with EEA relevance)

(Memorandum from Ms A. VASSILIOU)

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THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 315/93 of 8 February 1993 laying down Community procedures for contaminants in food¹, and in particular Article 2(3) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Commission Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006² sets maximum levels for certain contaminants in foodstuffs.
- (2) It is essential, in order to protect public health, to keep contaminants at levels which do not cause health concerns. Maximum levels for lead, cadmium and mercury must be safe and as low as reasonably achievable based upon good manufacturing and agricultural/fishery practices.
- (3) On the basis of new information, good agricultural and fisheries practices do not allow keeping levels of lead, cadmium and mercury in certain aquatic species and fungi as low as required in the Annex of Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006. It is therefore necessary to revise the maximum levels fixed for those contaminants while maintaining a high level of consumer health protection.
- (4) An amendment of footnote 1 of Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 is necessary to clarify that the maximum level for fruit does not apply to tree nuts.
- (5) New monitoring recommendations have been introduced by Commission Recommendation 2007/196/EC of 28 March 2007 on the monitoring of the presence of furan in foodstuffs³ and Commission Recommendation 2007/331/EC of 3 May 2007 on the monitoring of acrylamide levels in food⁴. The provisions on monitoring

¹ OJ L 37, 13.2.1993, p. 1 Regulation as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1882/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 284, 31.10.2003, p. 1)

² OJ L 364, 20.12.2006, p. 5. Regulation amended by Regulation (EC) No 1126/2007 (OJ L 255, 29.9.2007, p. 14).

³ OJ L 88, 29.3.2007, p. 56

⁴ OJ L 123, 12.5.2007, p. 33

and reporting in Regulation 1881/2006 therefore need to be completed with references to those new Recommendations. The monitoring exercise on polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons set out in Commission Recommendation 2005/108/EC⁵ has been finalised. Therefore, the reference to that monitoring Recommendation can be deleted.

- (6) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 is amended as follows:

- (1) In Article 9, paragraph 3 is replaced by the following:

"3. Member States should report to the Commission findings on aflatoxins, dioxins, dioxin-like PCBs, non-dioxin-like PCBs as specified in Commission Decision 2006/504/EC⁽⁴⁴⁾ and Commission Recommendation 2006/794/EC⁽⁴⁵⁾. Member States should report to EFSA findings on acrylamide and furan as specified in Commission Recommendation 2007/196/EC⁽⁴⁶⁾ and Commission Recommendation 2007/331/EC⁽⁴⁷⁾.

(44) OJ L 199, 21.7.2006, p. 21.

(45) OJ L 322, 22.11.2006, p. 24.

(46) OJ L 88, 29.3.2007, p. 56.

(47) OJ L 123, 12.5.2007, p. 33."

- (2) The Annex is amended in accordance to the Annex to this Regulation.

⁵ OJ L 34, 8.2.2005, p. 43

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the 20th day following its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels,

For the Commission
Androulla VASSILIOU
Member of the Commission

ANNEX

The Annex to Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 is amended as follows:

(1) In Subsection 3.1 (**Lead**), point 3.1.11 is replaced by the following:

3.1.11	'Brassica vegetables, leaf vegetables and the following fungi ⁽²⁷⁾ : <i>Agaricus bisporus</i> (common mushroom), <i>Pleurotus ostreatus</i> (Oyster mushroom), <i>Lentinula edodes</i> (Shiitake mushroom)'	0,30

(2) Subsection 3.2. (**Cadmium**) is replaced by the following:

3.2	Cadmium	
3.2.1	Meat (excluding offal) of bovine animals, sheep, pig and poultry ⁽⁶⁾	0,050
3.2.2	Horsemeat, excluding offal ⁽⁶⁾	0,20
3.2.3	Liver of bovine animals, sheep, pig, poultry and horse ⁽⁶⁾	0,50
3.2.4	Kidney of bovine animals, sheep, pig, poultry and horse ⁽⁶⁾	1,0
3.2.5	Muscle meat of fish ⁽²⁴⁾ ⁽²⁵⁾ , excluding species listed in points 3.2.6, 3.2.7 and 3.2.8	0,050

3.2.6	Muscle meat of the following fish ⁽²⁴⁾ ⁽²⁵⁾ : bonito (<i>Sarda sarda</i>) common two-banded seabream (<i>Diplodus vulgaris</i>) eel (<i>Anguilla anguilla</i>) grey mullet (<i>Mugil labrosus labrosus</i>) horse mackerel or scad (<i>Trachurus species</i>) louvar or luvar (<i>Luvarus imperialis</i>) mackerel (<i>Scomber species</i>) sardine (<i>Sardina pilchardus</i>) sardinops (<i>Sardinops species</i>) tuna (<i>Thunnus species</i> , <i>Euthynnus species</i> , <i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i>) wedge sole (<i>Dicologlossa cuneata</i>)	0,10
3.2.7	Muscle meat of the following fish ⁽²⁴⁾ ⁽²⁵⁾ : bullet tuna (<i>Auxis species</i>)	0,20
3.2.8	Muscle meat of the following fish ⁽²⁴⁾ ⁽²⁵⁾ : anchovy (<i>Engraulis species</i>) swordfish (<i>Xiphias gladius</i>)	0,30
3.2.9	Crustaceans, excluding brown meat of crab and excluding head and thorax meat of lobster and similar large crustaceans (<i>Nephropidae</i> and <i>Palinuridae</i>) ⁽²⁶⁾	0,50
3.2.10	Bivalve molluscs ⁽²⁶⁾	1,0
3.2.11	Cephalopods (without viscera) ⁽²⁶⁾	1,0
3.2.12	Cereals excluding bran, germ, wheat and rice	0,10
3.2.13	Bran, germ, wheat and rice	0,20
3.2.14	Soybeans	0,20
3.2.15	Vegetables and fruit, excluding leaf vegetables, fresh herbs, fungi, stem vegetables, root vegetables and potatoes ⁽²⁷⁾	0,050
3.2.16	Stem vegetables, root vegetables and potatoes, excluding celeriac ⁽²⁷⁾ . For potatoes the maximum level applies to peeled potatoes.	0,10

3.2.17	Leaf vegetables, fresh herbs, celeriac and the following fungi ⁽²⁷⁾ : <i>Agaricus bisporus</i> (common mushroom), <i>Pleurotus ostreatus</i> (Oyster mushroom), <i>Lentinula edodes</i> (Shiitake mushroom)	0,20
3.2.18	Fungi, excluding those listed in point 3.2.17 ⁽²⁷⁾	1,0'

(3) In Subsection 3.3 (**Mercury**), point 3.3.2 is replaced by the following:

3.3.2	'Muscle meat of the following fish ⁽²⁴⁾ ⁽²⁵⁾ : anglerfish (<i>Lophius species</i>) atlantic catfish (<i>Anarhichas lupus</i>) bonito (<i>Sarda sarda</i>) eel (<i>Anguilla species</i>) emperor, orange roughy, rosy soldierfish (<i>Hoplostethus species</i>) grenadier (<i>Coryphaenoides rupestris</i>) halibut (<i>Hippoglossus hippoglossus</i>) kingklip (<i>Genypterus capensis</i>) marlin (<i>Makaira species</i>) megrim (<i>Lepidorhombus species</i>) mullet (<i>Mullus species</i>) pink cusk eel (<i>Genypterus blacodes</i>) pike (<i>Esox lucius</i>) plain bonito (<i>Orcynopsis unicolor</i>) poor cod (<i>Tricopterus minutes</i>) portuguese dogfish (<i>Centroscymnus coelolepis</i>) rays (<i>Raja species</i>) redfish (<i>Sebastes marinus</i> , <i>S. mentella</i> , <i>S. viviparus</i>) sail fish (<i>Istiophorus platypterus</i>) scabbard fish (<i>Lepidopus caudatus</i> , <i>Aphanopus carbo</i>) seabream, pandora (<i>Pagellus species</i>) shark (all species) snake mackerel or butterfish (<i>Lepidocybium flavobrunneum</i> , <i>Ruvettus pretiosus</i> , <i>Gempylus serpens</i>) sturgeon (<i>Acipenser species</i>) swordfish (<i>Xiphias gladius</i>) tuna (<i>Thunnus species</i> , <i>Euthynnus species</i> , <i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i>)'	1,0
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(4) In footnote ⁽¹⁾ the following sentence is added:

'Tree nuts are not covered by the maximum level for 'fruit'.

(5) Footnote ⁽⁸⁾ is replaced by the following:

"⁽⁸⁾ Foodstuffs listed in this category as defined in Commission Directive 2006/141/EC (OJ L 401, 30.12.2006, p. 1)."