

Maximum levels for 3-MCPD in infant formulae

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Regulation

Regulation [2024/1003](#) on maximum levels for the sum of 3-monochloropropanediol (3-MCPD) and its fatty acid esters in infant formulae, follow-on formulae and food for special medical purposes

What is changing and why?

The European Commission has reduced the maximum levels for the sum of 3-MCPD and 3-MCPD fatty acid esters in infant formulae, follow-on formulae, and food for special medical purposes. The changes are shown in Table 1.

This is because the European Food Safety Authority has expressed health concerns about the presence of these substances in foods, especially in foods for infants and young children.

Actions

Non-EU suppliers of these products for infants should evaluate current levels of 3-MCPD and its esters to check compliance with this Regulation, and consider strategies for reducing the presence of this contaminant.

Timeline


Applies from **1 January 2025**.

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Tables & Figures

Table 1 Maximum levels for the sum of 3-monochloropropanediol (3-MCPD) and 3-MCPD fatty acid esters in infant formulae*			
Entry in Annex I of Reg 2023/915	Form	3-MCPD maximum level (µg/kg)	
		Current	Proposed
5.3.3.1	Powder	125	80
5.3.3.2	Liquid	15	12

* Infant formulae, follow-on formulae, food for special medical purposes intended for infants and young children, and young child formulae.


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Source: Regulation (EU) [2023/915](#)

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