

Maximum levels for furan in baby and infant cereal-based foods

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Commission Regulation (EU) [2026/1890](#) as regards maximum levels of the sum of furan, 2-methylfuran and 3-methylfuran in processed cereal-based food for infants and young children and in baby food

What is changing and why?

The European Union (EU) has set maximum levels for furan, 2-methylfuran, and 3-methylfuran in processed cereal-based foods for infants and young children, and in baby food. These levels are set out in Table 1.

The new rules are driven by health concerns about the effects of these substances in food, particularly on babies and young children. The European Food Safety Authority has identified that current levels of exposure could cause long-term liver damage.

Actions

Exporters are encouraged to use the transitional period to gradually upgrade processes, facilities, and supply chains to ensure compliance without disrupting trade.

Timeline

The new maximum levels apply from **1 January 2028**.

Foods that were lawfully placed on the EU market before 1 January 2028 are allowed to remain on the market until their date of minimum durability or use-by date, even if they do not comply with new maximum levels.

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Tables & Figures

Table 1: New maximum levels for furan* and methylfurans

Product	Maximum level (µg/kg)
Processed cereal-based food for infants and young children	40
Baby food consisting of at least 80% dairy or fruit, or of a mixture of dairy and fruit	30
Other baby food	80

* "Furan" = the sum of furan, 2-methylfuran, and 3-methylfuran. Maximum levels refer to lower bound concentrations calculated on the assumption that all values below the limit of quantification are zero. Maximum level = sum of furan + (0.83 × 2-methylfuran) + (0.83 × 3-methylfuran).

Source: based on Regulation [2026/1890](#)

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