Maximum levels of cadmium in certain foods

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Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/1510 of 20 July 2023 amending Regulation (EU) 2023/915 as regards maximum levels of cadmium in tiger nuts and certain cultivated fungi

What is changing and why?

The EU has raised the maximum levels for cadmium in tiger nuts and cultivated fungi other than *Agaricus bisporus,* taking into account the "As Low As Reasonably Achievable (ALARA)" principle. They contain higher concentrations of cadmium than similar products, but in view of their low consumption volume, these products do not contribute much to consumer exposure to cadmium.

Actions

Suppliers of these products should regularly monitor the presence of cadmium.

Timeline

Date of effect: 10 August 2023.

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Table 1
Changes to maximum residue levels for cadmium

Food category	Products	Cadmium (mg/kg)	
		Old MRL (2023/915)	New MRL (2023/1510)
Root and tuber vegetables	Radishes (other than tiger nuts)	0.02	0.02
	Tiger nuts	0.02	0.10
Fungi	*Agaricus bisporus*	0.05	0.05
	Cultivated fungi other than *A. bisporus*	0.05	0.15

* Limit of determination.

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Source: based on Regulations (EU) 2023/915 and 2023/1510 (prior to amendment by 2023/915)

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