# Maximum levels of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (∆9-THC) in hemp seeds

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Commission Regulation (EU) 2026/1828 as regards maximum levels of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (∆9-THC) in hemp leaves for water infusion and hemp leaves infusions

## What is changing and why?

The European Commission has set maximum levels for the sum of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (∆9-THC) and delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinolic acid (∆9-THCA), expressed as ∆9-THC, in hemp leaves for water infusion and ready-to-drink herbal infusions made from hemp leaves (see Table 1). The aim is to ensure a high level of human health protection when adults consume these products.

Regulation 2023/915 sets the maximum levels for hemp seeds and derived products (see Table 2).

## Actions

Exporters of hemp seeds and derived products must ensure that adequate measures are put in place to prevent contamination during processing in order to meet the newly established levels.

## Timeline

The maximum levels for ∆9■THC in hemp leaves for water infusion and ready-to-drink herbal infusions apply from **1 January 2027**.

Foodstuffs lawfully placed on the market before 1 January 2027 may remain on the market until their date of minimum durability or use-by date, even if they do not comply with the new maximum levels.

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## Tables & Figures

### Table 1: Maximum levels of Δ9-THC in hemp leaves for water infusion and ready-to-drink herbal infusions made from hemp leaves

| Foodstuffs | Maximum level (mg/kg) | |
|---|---|---|
| | Previous | New |
| 2.6.4 Hemp leaves for water infusion | None | 40 |
| 2.6.5 Ready-to-drink infusions made from hemp leaves | None | 0.02 |

Source: based on Regulation 2026/1828

### Table 2: Maximum levels of Δ9-THC in hemp seeds

| Foodstuffs | Maximum level (mg/kg) |
|---|---|
| 2.6.1 Hemp seeds | 3.0 |
| 2.6.2 Ground hemp seeds, (partially) defatted hemp seed, and other hemp seed processed products (except those listed in 2.6.3 below) | 3.0 |
| 2.6.3 Hemp seed oil | 7.5 |

Source: based on Regulation 2023/915

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