

Mercury maximum levels

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Table 1 Mercury maximum levels		
Product	Maximum levels (mg/kg wet weight)	
	New	Previous
Fishery products and muscle meat of fish, excluding species listed in the rows below.*	0.50	0.50
Muscle meat of the following fish: Axillary seabream (<i>Pagellus acarne</i>) Black scabbardfish (<i>Aphanopus carbo</i>) Blackspot seabream (<i>Pagellus bogaraveo</i>) Bonito (<i>Sarda sarda</i>) Common pandora (<i>Pagellus erythrinus</i>) Escolar (<i>Lepidocybium flavobrunneum</i>) Halibut (<i>Hippoglossus</i> species) Kingklip (<i>Genypterus capensis</i>) Marlin (<i>Makaira</i> species) Megrin (<i>Lepidorhombus</i> species) Oilfish (<i>Ruvettus pretiosus</i>) Orange roughy (<i>Hoplostethus atlanticus</i>) Pink cusk-eel (<i>Genypterus blacodes</i>) Pike (<i>Esox</i> species) Plain bonito (<i>Orcynopsis unicolor</i>) Poor cod (<i>Tricopterus</i> species) Red mullet (<i>Mullus barbatus barbatus</i>) Roundnose grenadier (<i>Coryphaenoides rupestris</i>) Sail fish (<i>Istiophorus</i> species) Silver scabbardfish (<i>Lepidopus caudatus</i>) Snake mackerel (<i>Gempylus serpens</i>) Sturgeon (<i>Acipenser</i> species) Surmullet (<i>Mullus surmuletus</i>) Tuna (<i>Thunnus</i> species, <i>Euthynnus</i> species, <i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i>) Shark (all species) Swordfish (<i>Xiphias gladius</i>)	1.0	**
Cephalopods Marine gastropods Muscle meat of the following fish: Anchovy (<i>Engraulis</i> species) Alaska pollock (<i>Theragra chalcogrammus</i>) Atlantic cod (<i>Gadus morhua</i>) Atlantic herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>) Basa (<i>Pangasius bocourti</i>) Carp (species belonging to the Cyprinidae family) Common dab (<i>Limanda limanda</i>) Mackerel (<i>Scomber</i> species) European flounder (<i>Platichthys flesus</i>) European plaice (<i>Pleuronectes platessa</i>) European sprat (<i>Sprattus sprattus</i>) Mekong giant catfish (<i>Pangasianodon gigas</i>) Pollock (<i>Pollachius pollachius</i>) Saithe (<i>Pollachius virens</i>) Salmon and trout (<i>Salmo</i> species and <i>Oncorhynchus</i> species, except <i>Salmo trutta</i>) Sardine or pilchard (<i>Dussumieria</i> species, <i>Sardina</i> species, <i>Sardinella</i> species and <i>Sardinops</i> species) Sole (<i>Solea solea</i>) Striped catfish (<i>Pangasianodon hypothalamus</i>) Whiting (<i>Merlangius merlangus</i>)	0.30	0.50
Salt	0.10	No limit
* The maximum level for crustaceans applies to muscle meat from appendages and abdomen. In the case of crabs and crab-like crustaceans (<i>Brachyura</i> and <i>Anomura</i>), it applies to muscle meat from appendages. ** For fish in bold, no change of maximum level. The other fish listed were previously subject to the general maximum level of 0.5 mg/kg. Source: Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/617, Annex		

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