

Reduction of maximum levels of deoxynivalenol in cereals/cereal products

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Commission Regulation (EU) [2024/1022](#) as regards maximum levels of deoxynivalenol in food

What is changing and why?

In 2017, the European Food Safety Authority expressed concerns regarding consumers' exposure to the mycotoxin deoxynivalenol (DON). The EU has therefore reduced the maximum DON levels in various cereal-based foods, as set out in Table 1.

Actions

Non-EU suppliers of cereal products should urgently evaluate current levels of DON in these products to identify any potential non-compliance and strategies for reducing the presence of this mycotoxin.

EU recommendations on preventing and reducing *Fusarium* toxins in cereals and cereal products can be found in Commission Recommendation [2006/583/EC](#).

Timeline

Date of entry into force: **1 July 2024**.

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Tables & Figures

Table 1
Maximum levels for deoxynivalenol (DON)

Entry in Annex I of Reg. 2023/915	Products ^[1]	DON maximum level (µg/kg)	
		Old	New ^[2]
1.4.1	Unprocessed cereal grains except products listed in 1.4.2 and 1.4.3	1250	1000
1.4.2	Unprocessed durum wheat grains and unprocessed maize grains	1750	1500
1.4.3	Unprocessed oat grains and inedible husk	1750	1750
1.4.4	Cereals placed on the market for the final consumer, maize for popping and popcorn	750	750
1.4.5	Milling products of cereals except products listed in 1.4.6	–	600
1.4.6.1	Milling products of maize placed on the market for the final consumer	–	750
1.4.6.2	Milling products of maize not placed on the market for the final consumer:		
	flour	1250	1000
	other products	750	1000
1.4.6.3	Precooked polenta ready to eat	–	250
1.4.7	Bakery wares, cereal snacks, and breakfast cereals	500	400
1.4.8	Pasta	750	600
1.4.9	Baby foods and processed cereal-based food for infants and young children	200	150
1.4.10	Foods for special medical purposes intended for infants and young children	–	150

1. For further details see Annex I.

2. Changes to maximum level in bold type.

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