

# Regulation on maximum levels for certain contaminants in food

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European Commission replaces Regulation that sets maximum levels for contaminants in food

Commission Regulation (EU) [2023/915](#) of 25 April 2023 on maximum levels for certain contaminants in food and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006

## Update

This Regulation replaces Regulation (EC) No [1881/2006](#), but does not change the current maximum levels of contaminants or other rules and principles already set out by that Regulation.

## What is changing?

This new Regulation tidies up (formally "recasts") and replaces previous rules on contaminants (Regulation [1881/2006](#)) by updating references to other EU legislation and clarifying the language used. It does not change the content of the rules, or the maximum levels for contaminants already established.

## Why?

Regulation [1881/2006](#) and related legislation have been amended multiple times since 2006. There was a need to consolidate and clarify the legislation in light of these changes.

## Timeline

The new Regulation applies from 25 May 2023.

## Background

For further information on contaminants legislation, please see [EU legislation on contaminants – maximum levels explained](#).

## Sources

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