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amending Regulation (EU) 2023/915 as regards the maximum levels for polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in food

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ANNEX (in red the proposed changes to current provisions as discussed/concluded at WG 25 November 2025)

In Annex I, section 5, subsection 5.1 “Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)” is amended as follows:

(1) In the table, the points 5.1.6, 5.1.7 and 5.1.8 are replaced by the following:

‘5.1.6	Smoked meat and smoked meat products Meat and meat products containing smoked ingredients except chorizo	2,0	12,0	
5.1.7	Smoked fishery products ⁽²⁾ except products listed in 5.1.8 Fishery products containing smoked ingredients	1,5	10,0	<p>In case of fish, the maximum level applies to muscle meat of fish.</p> <p>Where fish are intended to be eaten whole, the maximum level applies to the whole fish.</p> <p>The maximum level for smoked crustaceans applies to muscle meat from appendages and abdomen, that means, that the cephalothorax of crustaceans is excluded. In case of smoked crabs and crab-like crustaceans (<i>Brachyura</i> and <i>Anomura</i>) it applies to muscle meat from appendages.</p>

5.1.8	Smoked sprats and canned smoked sprats (<i>Sprattus sprattus</i>) Smoked Baltic herring ≤ 14 cm length and canned smoked Baltic herring ≤ 14 cm length (<i>Clupea harengus membras</i>) (*) Heat treated meat and heat treated meat products placed on the market for the final consumer	4,0	24,0	Where fish are intended to be eaten whole, the maximum level applies to the whole fish. Meat and meat products that have undergone a heat treatment potentially resulting in formation of PAH, i.e. only grilling and barbecuing. For the canned products, the maximum level applies to the whole content of the can. As regards the maximum level for the whole composite product, Article 3(1), point (c) and Article 3(2) apply.'
	Katsuobushi (dried bonito, <i>Katsuwonus pelamis</i>) Bivalve molluscs ⁽²⁾ (fresh, chilled or frozen)	5,0	30,0	

(*) limited data available specifically on smoked Baltic herring: limited data did not indicate a particular problem for non-compliance with the proposed lower MLs

(2) In the table point 5.1.16 is replaced by the following:

'5.1.16	Food supplements containing botanicals and their preparations ⁽¹³⁾ Food supplements containing propolis, royal jelly, spirulina or their preparations	10,0	50,0	The maximum level does not apply to food supplements containing vegetable oils. For vegetable oils used as an ingredient in food supplements, see point 5.1.11. For food supplements containing vegetable oil, Article 3(1); point (c) and Article 3 (2) apply.'
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(2) In the table, the following point 5.1.17 is added:

‘5.1.17	Freekeh (roasted durum wheat)	15,0	80’	
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