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SUGGESTED POSSIBLE MAXIMUM LEVELS FOR CADMIUM, INORGANIC ARSENIC, IODINE AND LEAD IN SEAWEED IN VIEW OF A TARGETED STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

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ANNEX

Proposed amendment of Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2023/915:

(1) In section 3 (Metals and other elements), in subsection 3.1 (**Lead**) after row 3.1.28 the following rows are added:

3.1.29	Seaweed placed on the market to the final consumer or used as an ingredient in food.		For dry seaweed the maximum level applies to the product as placed on the market. For fresh seaweed the maximum level applies on a dry matter basis (*).
3.2.29.1	Brown seaweed (<i>Ochrophyta</i>)	1.5	
3.2.29.2	Red seaweed (<i>Rhodophyta</i>)		
3.2.29.2.1	Laver/ nori (<i>Porphyra</i> and <i>Pyropia</i> spp.)	0.50	
3.2.29.2.2	Red seaweed (<i>Rhodophyta</i>) other than laver (<i>Porphyra</i> and <i>Pyropia</i> spp.)	2.0	
3.2.29.3	Green seaweed (<i>Chlorophyta</i>)	2.0	

(*) Dry matter is determined in accordance with Commission Regulation (EC) No 333/2007 of 28 March 2007 laying down the methods of sampling and analysis for the control of the levels of trace elements and processing contaminants in foodstuffs (OJ L 88, 29.3.2007, p. 29, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2007/333/oj>).';

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(2) In section 3 (Metals and other elements), in subsection 3.2 (**Cadmium**) after row 3.2.21.2 the following rows are added:

3.2.22	Seaweed placed on the market to the final consumer or used as an ingredient in food.		For dry seaweed the maximum level applies to the product as placed on the market. For fresh seaweed the maximum level applies on a dry matter basis (*).
3.2.22.1	Brown seaweed (<i>Ochrophyta</i>)	3.0	
3.2.22.2	Red and green seaweed (<i>Rhodophyta</i> and <i>Chlorophyta</i>)	4.0	

(3) In section 3 (Metals and other elements), in subsection 3.4 (**Arsenic**) entry 3.4.9 and the row above are replaced by the following::

3.4.9	Seaweed placed on the market to the final consumer or used as an ingredient in food.		For dry seaweed the maximum level applies to the product as placed on the market. For fresh seaweed the maximum level applies on a dry matter basis (*).
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3.4.9.1	Brown and green seaweed (<i>Ochrophyta</i> and <i>Chlorophyta</i>)	1.0	
3.4.9.2	Red seaweed (<i>Rhodophyta</i>)	0.50	
		Total arsenic	The maximum level for total arsenic applies to the products listed in 3.4.10.
3.4.10	Salt	0,50	

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(1) In section 6 (Other contaminants), subsection 6.4 (**Iodine**) is added after row 6.3.5:

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6.4.5	Iodine	Maximum level (g/kg)	Remarks
6.4.5.1	Seaweed placed on the market to the final consumer or used as an ingredient in food.	1.0	For dry seaweed the maximum level applies to the product as placed on the market. For fresh seaweed the maximum level applies on a dry matter basis (*). The maximum levels apply without prejudice to national or EU legislation on iodine in food supplements or fortified foods.

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