



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

Food and feed safety, innovation
Food processing technologies and novel foods

Meeting:	Working Group on Environmental and Industrial Contaminants in food
Location:	Online meeting
Date	12 and 13 March 2026
Time	12 March 10h00 – 17h30
	13 March 09h30 – 13h00

AGENDA

1. Lead
 - a. Draft proposal on MLs for lead in spices, dried herbs, sugar, syrup and confectionary (Codex MLs).
 - b. New or revised lead maximum levels (MLs) following the 2025 EFSA exposure assessment.
2. Metals and iodine in seaweed
 - a. Draft Regulation as regards MLs for cadmium, inorganic arsenic, iodine and lead in seaweed.
 - b. Draft monitoring Recommendation on of metals and iodine in algae, halophytes and products based on algae.
3. Draft monitoring Recommendation for heavy metals in canned fish
4. Guidance on quality requirements for studies on processing factors
5. Cadmium
 - a. Truffles
 - b. Meat replacement products.
6. Nickel
 - a. Hazelnuts
 - b. Oregano
7. EFSA scientific report on the frequency of consumption of different fish, crustacean and mollusc species contributing to methylmercury exposure and consumer awareness of national advice on their consumption.
8. Discussion on control plans on contaminants - draft Regulation amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/932 (wild game and commodity groups)
9. Draft Regulation on the maximum levels for polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in smoked meat and smoked fish and other relevant commodities. Final discussion
10. Finalisation of the discussion on a draft Commission Regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2023/915 for the purpose of clarifying certain provisions and as

regards maximum levels of aflatoxins, ochratoxin A, deoxynivalenol, hydrocyanic acid, arsenic, nickel, cadmium and melamine in food

11. Discussion on a Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/xxx amending Regulation (EC) No 333/2007 as regards methods of analysis for the control of the levels of certain processing contaminants and perchlorate in foods
12. Discussion on a draft Commission Recommendation on monitoring of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH), furan-2(5H)-one, 3-methyl-2(5H)-furanone, 4-methyl-2(5H)-furanone, benzene-1,2-diol (catechol), 4H-pyran-4-one and benzofuran and other contaminants of relevance in foods smoked with the use of conventional smoking processes
13. Continuation of the discussion on acrylamide following the dedicated WG meeting on the review of existing benchmark levels, new benchmark levels for certain foods and maximum levels for certain foods in view of targeted stakeholder consultation.
14. Update of the [Scientific Opinion on the risks for human health related to the presence of perchlorate in food](#): Discussion on possible follow-up.
15. AOB