

EU Regulation 2018/73 - Mercury-compound MRLs in food and feed

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The instrument

This page records the heavy-metal maximum levels set by EU Regulation 2018/73 - [Mercury](#)-compound MRLs in food and feed, the instrument of European Commission, 2018. Every value below is transcribed into the Heavy Metal Index register from the primary text and is the value an HMTc standard cites when this jurisdiction binds a certification limit. It is a record of law, not an HMTc threshold.

EU Regulation 2018/73, official text

Published by European Commission.

PRIMARY SOURCE 

Maximum levels

All values µg/kg (ppb), in the basis the instrument states. 1 maximum level across 1 analyte and 1 product category, grouped by analyte and ordered by limit.

LIMIT MG/KG	BASIS	PRODUCT SCOPE	PROVISION
MERCURY, TOTAL (THG) 1 LIMIT			
10	mg/kg as mercury	cereals including rice	Pesticide-residue MRL instrument (Reg 396/2005), not the 2023/915 contaminants framework.

Where HMTc cites it

Cells where this instrument holds the strictest government value in force among credible regulators, and therefore binds a published HMTc limit.

NO PUBLISHED STANDARD IS BOUND BY THIS INSTRUMENT YET

A limit recorded above binds nothing today only because another government holds a stricter value for every published cell. It may still bind later, as other jurisdictions relax or as a new subcategory is published.

How this interacts with HMTc

HMTc certification standards adopt the *strictest existing* maximum level set by any credible government, applied cell-by-cell. Where this instrument holds the strictest value for a (product, analyte) cell, it binds the HMTc limit and the standard cites this page. This page does not set or justify any HMTc threshold; it records the sovereign requirement the program measures against.

A reference page is a record of law, not an HMTc threshold. It states what a government requires; the standard page states what the program requires, and names which instrument binds each cell.