

FDA CPG 540.600 - Methylmercury in fish and aquatic animals

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The instrument

This page records the heavy-metal maximum levels set by FDA CPG 540.600 - [Methylmercury](#) in fish and aquatic animals, the instrument of US-FDA, 1984. 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.

FDA CPG 540.600, official text

Published by US-FDA.

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
METHYLMERCURY (MEHG) 1 LIMIT			
1000	wet weight, edible portion	fish, shellfish, crustaceans, and other aquatic animals, fresh, frozen or processed	Methyl mercury expressed as mercury.

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.