

Hong Kong Cap. 132V - Food Adulteration (Metallic Contamination) Regulations

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The instrument

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Hong Kong Cap. 132V, official text

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Maximum levels

All values µg/kg (ppb), in the basis the instrument states. 164 maximum levels across 12 analytes and 112 product categories, grouped by analyte and ordered by limit.

LIMIT MG/KG	BASIS	PRODUCT SCOPE	PROVISION
LEAD (PB) 62 LIMITS			
10	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Bottled or packaged drinking waters, other than natural mineral waters	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)

LIMIT MG/KG	BASIS	PRODUCT SCOPE	PROVISION
10	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Infant formula and follow-up formula	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
10	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Natural mineral waters	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
20	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Cereal-based food intended to be consumed principally by persons under the age of 36 months	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
20	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Milk	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
20	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Ready-to-eat complementary food (other than cereal-based food) intended to be consumed principally by persons under the age of 36 months	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
20	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Secondary milk products	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
30	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Fruit juices, other than fruit juices exclusively from berries and other small fruits	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
40	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Grape juice	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
50	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Canned chestnuts and canned chestnuts puree	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)

LIMIT MG/KG	BASIS	PRODUCT SCOPE	PROVISION
50	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Fruit juices exclusively from berries and other small fruits, other than grape juice	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
50	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Fruiting vegetables, Cucurbits	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
50	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Fruiting vegetables, other than Cucurbits	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
50	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Tomatoes, preserved by heat treatment and hermetically sealed	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
80	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Edible fats and oils	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
80	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Fat spreads and blended spreads	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
100	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Brassica vegetables, other than Brassica leafy vegetables	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
100	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Bulb vegetables	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
100	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Canned fruits	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)

LIMIT MG/KG	BASIS	PRODUCT SCOPE	PROVISION
100	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Canned vegetables	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
100	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Edible offal of poultry	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
100	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Fruits, other than cranberry, currants and elderberry	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
100	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Legume vegetables	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
100	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Meat of cattle, pig, goat and sheep	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
100	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Meat of poultry	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
100	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Pickled cucumbers (also known as cucumber pickles)	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
100	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Pulses	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
100	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Root and tuber vegetables	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)

LIMIT MG/KG	BASIS	PRODUCT SCOPE	PROVISION
100	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Sugar-based candies and honey	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
150	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Edible offal of pig	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
200	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Carbonated beverages	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
200	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Cereal grains, other than buckwheat, cañihua and quinoa	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
200	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Coffee beverages	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
200	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Cranberry	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
200	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Currants	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
200	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Edible offal of cattle	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
200	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Elderberry	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)

LIMIT MG/KG	BASIS	PRODUCT SCOPE	PROVISION
200	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Lime preserved eggs	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
200	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Poultry eggs	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
200	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Tea beverages made from Tea, Green, Black	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
200	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Wine	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
300	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Fish	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
300	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Fresh farmed mushrooms (common mushrooms (<i>Agaricus bisporus</i>), shiitake mushrooms (<i>Lentinula edodes</i>) and oyster mushrooms (<i>Pleurotus ostreatus</i>))	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
300	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Honey mushrooms (<i>Armillaria mellea</i>)	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
300	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Leafy vegetables (including Brassica leafy vegetables), other than spinach	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
400	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Jams, jellies and marmalades	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)

LIMIT MG/KG	BASIS	PRODUCT SCOPE	PROVISION
400	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Mango chutney	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
400	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Table olives	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
500	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Coffee beans	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
500	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Crustaceans	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
500	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Edible fungi (other than those edible fungi specified in this item)	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
500	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Soft brown sugar, raw sugar and non-centrifugal sugar	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
500	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	White sugar, refined sugar, corn syrups and maple syrups	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
1000	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Aquatic animals, other than fish, crustaceans and bivalve molluscs	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
1000	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Bolete mushrooms (<i>Boletus bainiugan</i> , <i>Lanmaoa asiatica</i> , <i>Sutorius brunneissimus</i> , <i>Rugiboletus extremiorientalis</i>), matsutake mushrooms (<i>Tricholoma matsutake</i>), truffles (<i>Tuber</i> spp.), green-cracking russulas (<i>Russula virescens</i>), termite mushrooms (<i>Termitomyces</i> spp.), chanterelles (<i>Cantharellus</i> spp.) and tawny milkcaps (<i>Lactarius volemus</i>)	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)

LIMIT MG/KG	BASIS	PRODUCT SCOPE	PROVISION
1000	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Salt, food grade, other than salt from marshes, food grade	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
1000	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Wood ears (Auricularia cornea, Auricularia heimuer) and white jelly mushrooms (Tremella fuciformis)	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
1500	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Bivalve molluscs	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
2000	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Broadleaf Holly leaves	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
2000	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Salt from marshes, food grade	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
5000	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Dried chrysanthemum	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
5000	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Tea, Green, Black	Cap 132V Part 2 item 9 (Lead)
INORGANIC ARSENIC (IAS) 6 LIMITS			
100	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Fish	Cap 132V Part 2 item 3 (Arsenic (expressed as inorganic arsenic))

LIMIT MG/KG	BASIS	PRODUCT SCOPE	PROVISION
100	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Fish oil	Cap 132V Part 2 item 3 (Arsenic (expressed as inorganic arsenic))
200	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Polished rice	Cap 132V Part 2 item 3 (Arsenic (expressed as inorganic arsenic))
350	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Husked rice	Cap 132V Part 2 item 3 (Arsenic (expressed as inorganic arsenic))
500	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Aquatic animals, other than fish	Cap 132V Part 2 item 3 (Arsenic (expressed as inorganic arsenic))
1000	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Seaweed	Cap 132V Part 2 item 3 (Arsenic (expressed as inorganic arsenic))
TOTAL ARSENIC (TAS) 11 LIMITS			
10	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Bottled or packaged drinking waters, other than natural mineral waters	Cap 132V Part 2 item 2 (Arsenic (expressed as total arsenic))
10	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Natural mineral waters	Cap 132V Part 2 item 2 (Arsenic (expressed as total arsenic))
100	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Edible fats and oils, other than fish oil	Cap 132V Part 2 item 2 (Arsenic (expressed as total arsenic))

LIMIT MG/KG	BASIS	PRODUCT SCOPE	PROVISION
100	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Fat spreads and blended spreads	Cap 132V Part 2 item 2 (Arsenic (expressed as total arsenic))
500	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Cereals, other than rice	Cap 132V Part 2 item 2 (Arsenic (expressed as total arsenic))
500	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Edible offal of animal	Cap 132V Part 2 item 2 (Arsenic (expressed as total arsenic))
500	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Edible offal of poultry	Cap 132V Part 2 item 2 (Arsenic (expressed as total arsenic))
500	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Meat of animal	Cap 132V Part 2 item 2 (Arsenic (expressed as total arsenic))
500	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Meat of poultry	Cap 132V Part 2 item 2 (Arsenic (expressed as total arsenic))
500	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Salt, food grade	Cap 132V Part 2 item 2 (Arsenic (expressed as total arsenic))
500	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Vegetables	Cap 132V Part 2 item 2 (Arsenic (expressed as total arsenic))
CADMIUM (CD) 39 LIMITS			

LIMIT MG/KG	BASIS	PRODUCT SCOPE	PROVISION
3	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Bottled or packaged drinking waters, other than natural mineral waters	Cap 132V Part 2 item 6 (Cadmium)
3	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Natural mineral waters	Cap 132V Part 2 item 6 (Cadmium)
50	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Brassica vegetables, other than Brassica leafy vegetables	Cap 132V Part 2 item 6 (Cadmium)
50	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Bulb vegetables	Cap 132V Part 2 item 6 (Cadmium)
50	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Fruiting vegetables, Cucurbits	Cap 132V Part 2 item 6 (Cadmium)
50	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Fruiting vegetables, other than Cucurbits and tomatoes	Cap 132V Part 2 item 6 (Cadmium)
50	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Meat of cattle, pigs, goat and sheep	Cap 132V Part 2 item 6 (Cadmium)
50	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Meat of poultry	Cap 132V Part 2 item 6 (Cadmium)
100	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Cereals, other than buckwheat, cañihua, quinoa, wheat and rice	Cap 132V Part 2 item 6 (Cadmium)

LIMIT MG/KG	BASIS	PRODUCT SCOPE	PROVISION
100	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Fish	Cap 132V Part 2 item 6 (Cadmium)
100	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Legume vegetables	Cap 132V Part 2 item 6 (Cadmium)
100	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Pulses	Cap 132V Part 2 item 6 (Cadmium)
100	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Root and tuber vegetables	Cap 132V Part 2 item 6 (Cadmium)
100	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Stalk and stem vegetables	Cap 132V Part 2 item 6 (Cadmium)
100	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Vegetables (other than those vegetables specified in this item)	Cap 132V Part 2 item 6 (Cadmium)
200	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Edible fungi (other than those edible fungi specified in this item)	Cap 132V Part 2 item 6 (Cadmium)
200	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Husked rice	Cap 132V Part 2 item 6 (Cadmium)
200	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Leafy vegetables (including Brassica leafy vegetables)	Cap 132V Part 2 item 6 (Cadmium)

LIMIT MG/KG	BASIS	PRODUCT SCOPE	PROVISION
200	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Polished rice	Cap 132V Part 2 item 6 (Cadmium)
200	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Wheat	Cap 132V Part 2 item 6 (Cadmium)
300	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Chocolates containing or declaring < 30% total cocoa solids on a dry matter basis	Cap 132V Part 2 item 6 (Cadmium)
500	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Liver of cattle, pigs, goat and sheep	Cap 132V Part 2 item 6 (Cadmium)
500	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Liver of poultry	Cap 132V Part 2 item 6 (Cadmium)
500	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Salt, food grade	Cap 132V Part 2 item 6 (Cadmium)
500	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Shiitake mushrooms (<i>Lentinula edodes</i>)	Cap 132V Part 2 item 6 (Cadmium)
500	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Wood ears (<i>Auricularia cornea</i> , <i>Auricularia heimuer</i>) and white jelly mushrooms (<i>Tremella fuciformis</i>)	Cap 132V Part 2 item 6 (Cadmium)
600	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Morels (<i>Morchella importuna</i>), shingled hedgehogs (<i>Sarcodon imbricatus</i>), green-cracking russulas (<i>Russula virescens</i>), chanterelles (<i>Cantharellus</i> spp.) and honey mushrooms (<i>Armillaria mellea</i>)	Cap 132V Part 2 item 6 (Cadmium)

LIMIT MG/KG	BASIS	PRODUCT SCOPE	PROVISION
700	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Chocolates containing or declaring $\geq 30\%$ to $< 50\%$ total cocoa solids on a dry matter basis	Cap 132V Part 2 item 6 (Cadmium)
800	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Chocolates containing or declaring $\geq 50\%$ to $< 70\%$ total cocoa solids on a dry matter basis	Cap 132V Part 2 item 6 (Cadmium)
900	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Chocolates containing or declaring $\geq 70\%$ total cocoa solids on a dry matter basis	Cap 132V Part 2 item 6 (Cadmium)
1000	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Bolete mushrooms (<i>Boletus bainiugan</i> , <i>Lanmaoa asiatica</i> , <i>Sutorius brunneissimus</i> , <i>Rugiboletus extremiorientalis</i>), matsutake mushrooms (<i>Tricholoma matsutake</i>), termite mushrooms (<i>Termitomyces</i> spp.) and tawny milkcaps (<i>Lactarius volemus</i>)	Cap 132V Part 2 item 6 (Cadmium)
1000	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Kidney of cattle, pigs, goat and sheep	Cap 132V Part 2 item 6 (Cadmium)
1000	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Kidney of poultry	Cap 132V Part 2 item 6 (Cadmium)
2000	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Bivalve molluscs	Cap 132V Part 2 item 6 (Cadmium)
2000	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Cephalopods	Cap 132V Part 2 item 6 (Cadmium)
2000	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Cocoa powder (100% total cocoa solids on a dry matter basis) ready for consumption	Cap 132V Part 2 item 6 (Cadmium)

LIMIT MG/KG	BASIS	PRODUCT SCOPE	PROVISION
2000	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Crustaceans	Cap 132V Part 2 item 6 (Cadmium)
2000	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Gastropods	Cap 132V Part 2 item 6 (Cadmium)
2000	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Truffles (Tuber spp.) and himematsutake mushrooms (Agaricus blazei)	Cap 132V Part 2 item 6 (Cadmium)
MERCURY, TOTAL (THG) 13 LIMITS			
1	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Natural mineral waters	Cap 132V Part 2 item 12 (Mercury (expressed as total mercury))
10	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Milk	Cap 132V Part 2 item 12 (Mercury (expressed as total mercury))
10	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Secondary milk products	Cap 132V Part 2 item 12 (Mercury (expressed as total mercury))
10	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Vegetables, other than edible fungi	Cap 132V Part 2 item 12 (Mercury (expressed as total mercury))
20	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Rice, husked rice, polished rice, maize, maize flour, wheat, wheat flour	Cap 132V Part 2 item 12 (Mercury (expressed as total mercury))

LIMIT MG/KG	BASIS	PRODUCT SCOPE	PROVISION
50	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Edible offal of animal	Cap 132V Part 2 item 12 (Mercury (expressed as total mercury))
50	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Edible offal of poultry	Cap 132V Part 2 item 12 (Mercury (expressed as total mercury))
50	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Meat of animal	Cap 132V Part 2 item 12 (Mercury (expressed as total mercury))
50	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Meat of poultry	Cap 132V Part 2 item 12 (Mercury (expressed as total mercury))
50	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Poultry eggs	Cap 132V Part 2 item 12 (Mercury (expressed as total mercury))
100	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Edible fungi	Cap 132V Part 2 item 12 (Mercury (expressed as total mercury))
100	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Salt, food grade	Cap 132V Part 2 item 12 (Mercury (expressed as total mercury))
500	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Aquatic animals, other than fish	Cap 132V Part 2 item 12 (Mercury (expressed as total mercury))
METHYLMERCURY (MEHG) 7 LIMITS			

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500	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Fish (other than those fish specified in this item), fish balls and fish cakes	Cap 132V Part 2 item 11 (Mercury (expressed as methyl-mercury))
800	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Orange roughy	Cap 132V Part 2 item 11 (Mercury (expressed as methyl-mercury))
1000	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Pink cusk-eel	Cap 132V Part 2 item 11 (Mercury (expressed as methyl-mercury))
1200	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Tuna	Cap 132V Part 2 item 11 (Mercury (expressed as methyl-mercury))
1500	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Alfonsino	Cap 132V Part 2 item 11 (Mercury (expressed as methyl-mercury))
1600	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Shark	Cap 132V Part 2 item 11 (Mercury (expressed as methyl-mercury))
1700	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Marlin	Cap 132V Part 2 item 11 (Mercury (expressed as methyl-mercury))
NICKEL (NI) 2 LIMITS			
20	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Natural mineral waters	Cap 132V Part 2 item 14 (Nickel)

LIMIT MG/KG	BASIS	PRODUCT SCOPE	PROVISION
70	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Bottled or packaged drinking waters, other than natural mineral waters	Cap 132V Part 2 item 14 (Nickel)
TIN (SN) 3 LIMITS			
150000	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Canned beverages	Cap 132V Part 2 item 16 (Tin)
230000	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	All food (solid and liquid): pre-2019 Second Schedule	HISTORICAL/SUPERSEDED: pre-2019 HK Second Schedule Tin limit 230 mg/kg applied to all food (sol...
250000	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Canned food, other than canned beverages	Cap 132V Part 2 item 16 (Tin)
TOTAL CHROMIUM (CR) 10 LIMITS			
50	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Bottled or packaged drinking waters, other than natural mineral waters	Cap 132V Part 2 item 7 (Chromium)
50	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Natural mineral waters	Cap 132V Part 2 item 7 (Chromium)
500	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Vegetables, other than pulses	Cap 132V Part 2 item 7 (Chromium)
1000	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Cereals	Cap 132V Part 2 item 7 (Chromium)

LIMIT MG/KG	BASIS	PRODUCT SCOPE	PROVISION
1000	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Crabs, prawns and shrimps	Cap 132V Part 2 item 7 (Chromium)
1000	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Fish	Cap 132V Part 2 item 7 (Chromium)
1000	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Meat of animal	Cap 132V Part 2 item 7 (Chromium)
1000	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Meat of poultry	Cap 132V Part 2 item 7 (Chromium)
1000	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Oysters	Cap 132V Part 2 item 7 (Chromium)
1000	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Pulses	Cap 132V Part 2 item 7 (Chromium)
ANTIMONY (SB) 9 LIMITS			
5	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Natural mineral waters	Cap 132V Part 2 item 1 (Antimony)
20	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Bottled or packaged drinking waters, other than natural mineral waters	Cap 132V Part 2 item 1 (Antimony)

LIMIT MG/KG	BASIS	PRODUCT SCOPE	PROVISION
1000	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Cereals	Cap 132V Part 2 item 1 (Antimony)
1000	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Crabs, prawns and shrimps	Cap 132V Part 2 item 1 (Antimony)
1000	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Fish	Cap 132V Part 2 item 1 (Antimony)
1000	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Meat of animal	Cap 132V Part 2 item 1 (Antimony)
1000	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Meat of poultry	Cap 132V Part 2 item 1 (Antimony)
1000	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Oysters	Cap 132V Part 2 item 1 (Antimony)
1000	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Vegetables	Cap 132V Part 2 item 1 (Antimony)
IHG 1 LIMIT			
6	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Bottled or packaged drinking waters, other than natural mineral waters	Cap 132V Part 2 item 13 (Mercury (expressed as inorganic mercury))
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LIMIT MG/KG	BASIS	PRODUCT SCOPE	PROVISION
30	food as listed in Cap 132V Part 2 Schedule; source unit mg/kg	Bottled or packaged drinking waters, other than natural mineral waters	Cap 132V Part 2 item 17 (Uranium)

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.