

LEGISLATION UPDATE

TITLE	PROPOSED NEW LEGISLATION	SI NUMBER	DATE COMING INTO FORCE	OFFICIAL JOURNAL (OJ) REFERENCE	SUMMARY OF REGULATION
<p>Commission Regulation (EC) No. 472/2002 Amending Commission Regulation (EC) No. 466/2001 of 8th March 2001 setting maximum levels for certain contaminants in foodstuffs</p>	<p>Some Member States have adopted, or plan to adopt, maximum levels for; 1/ Aflatoxins in spices and 2/ Ochratoxin A in foods such as cereals (including rice and buckwheat and derived cereal products) - raw cereal grains (including raw rice and buckwheat) - all products derived from cereals (including processed cereal products and cereal grains intended for direct human consumption); - dried vine fruit (currants, raisins and sultanas); - green and roasted coffee and coffee products, wine, beer, grape juice, cocoa and cocoa products and spices.</p>	<p>not yet known</p>	<p>05-Apr-02</p>	<p>OJ L75, 16.03.02 p.18</p>	<p>The amending regulation will establish; 1/ New maximum levels for Aflatoxin in spices. The following spices are covered; <i>Capsicum</i> (dried fruits thereof, whole or ground chillies, chilli powder, cayenne and paprika); - <i>Piper</i> (fruits thereof, including white and black pepper); - nutmeg, ginger, turmeric; 2/ New maximum levels for Ochratoxin A in Cereals and cereal products and dried vine fruit (currants, raisins and sultanas); 3/ New maximum levels for nitrate in lettuce and spinach.</p>
<p>Commission Regulation (EC) No. 257/2002 Amending Commission Regulation (EC) No. 466/2001 of 8th March 2001 setting maximum levels for certain contaminants in foodstuffs</p>	<p>Commission Regulation (EC) No 194/97 of 31/01/97 setting maximum levels for certain contaminants in foodstuffs (last amended by Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1566/1999 of 16/07/99, establishes maximum levels for Aflatoxin B1 and Aflatoxin in certain foodstuffs. Commission Regulation (EC) No 466/2001 of 08/03/01 setting maximum levels for certain foodstuffs will repeal and replace Regulation (EC) No. 194/97 with effect from 05/04/02.</p>	<p>not yet known</p>	<p>05-Apr-02</p>	<p>OJ L41, 13.2.02 p.12</p>	<p>The amending Regulation will establish new maximum levels for Aflatoxins in the following foods; cereal (including buckwheat, fagopyrumsp) with the exception of maize and confirm maximum levels of aflatoxins in nuts and dried fruits intended for sorting, or other physical procedure before human consumption.</p>

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Amending Commission Regulation (EC) No. 466/2001 of 8th March 2001 setting maximum levels for certain contaminants in foodstuffs.	The proposed new legislation sets maximum levels for certain contaminants in foodstuffs, including a maximum level for 3-monochloropropane-1, 2-diol (3-MCPD) in hydrolysed vegetable protein (HVP) and soy sauce.	Not yet known	05-Apr-02	OJ L 77, 16.3.01 p. 1	The amending Regulation will establish new maximum levels for 3-MCPD for certain foodstuffs (hydrolysed vegetable protein and soy sauce). 3-MCPD is not currently covered under previous legislation.
Commission Directive 2001/22/EC - laying down the sampling methods and the methods of analysis for the official control of levels for lead, cadmium, mercury and 3-MCPD in foodstuffs.		Not yet known	05-Apr-02	OJ L 77, 16.03.01 p.14	The Directive lays down the sampling methods and the methods of analysis for the official control of the levels for lead, cadmium, mercury and 3-MCPD in foodstuffs.
Commission Directive 2002/27/EC - laying down the sampling methods and the methods of analysis for the official control of levels for aflatoxins in spices.		Not yet known	28-Feb-03	OJ L75, 16.03.02 p.44	The Directive lays down the sampling methods and the methods of analysis for the official control of the levels for aflatoxins in spices.
Commission Directive 2002/26/EC - laying down the sampling methods and the methods of analysis for the official control of levels for ochratoxin A in foodstuffs.		Not yet known	28-Feb-03	OJ L75, 16.03.02 p.38	The Directive lays down the sampling methods and the methods of analysis for the official control of the levels for ochratoxin A in foodstuffs.