

SERVICE BRIEFING

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EU FOOD CONTAMINANTS REGULATIONS AND ALERTS



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Spotting risks in the food chain is a daily challenge faced by growers, importers, processors and retailers. It is a task made all the more difficult by having to wade through endless reports and other data sources to find the parts that might be applicable to you.

FC24 changes all that.

Sector coverage

FC24 is a regularly updated comprehensive guide to EU food contaminants legislation and residue limits. It is designed to meet the needs of food industry professionals connected with:

- Food production
- Own label food retail
- Importing produce and food stuffs into the EU
- Food testing
- National regulatory standards for export in to the EU
- Food produce and processing for export to the EU

Extensive information source

FC24 pulls together relevant information from across the EU relating to food contaminants and residues, including for example, metals, nitrates, veterinary drugs, pesticides and dioxins.

It also gives you rapid access to commodity and contaminant specific information on maximum contaminant/residue levels and exceedences published via the EU-wide rapid alert system for food and feed (RASFF).



Time saving search facilities

FC24 has been designed to provide simple, intuitive search options allowing you to undertake single or multiple item searches with equal ease. Search by:

- Commodity
- Contaminant
- Rapid alert warnings (RASFF)
- Country of origin
- Recipe picker

Where appropriate, search results contain links to corresponding EU legislation for limits and sampling protocols so you can quickly access further information. Links are also made via country of origin and commodity to any provenance concerns which may arise through the protected designation of origin (PDO), protected geographic indication (PGI) or traditional speciality guaranteed (TSG) listings.

The recipe picker allows you to select all the ingredients you may be processing to make an existing or new product. You can then find the minimum levels permissible for any contaminants that could be present in the selected recipe ingredients, with the option to display all levels if required.

Intelligent searching

FC24 saves you the problem of having to second guess how a commodity is classified within the EU system of regulations. For any commodity you search on, FC24 will include all relevant classifications.

As an illustration, if you searched on 'oranges' your search results would automatically include relevant information found under a broad range of categories including, for example:

'3.1.12. Fruit, excluding berries and small fruit'

'3.2.14. Vegetables and fruit, excluding leafy vegetables, fresh herbs, fungi, stem vegetables, pine nuts, root vegetables and potatoes'

'16.1. Fruit, fresh, dried or uncooked, preserved by freezing not containing added sugar; nuts'

Classification	Product	Product Description	Maximum Levels	EU no (EU Regulation)	Sampling Method	Reference Method
3.1.12	Fruit, excluding berries and small fruit	...	...	...	...	...
3.2.14	Vegetables and fruit, excluding leafy vegetables, fresh herbs, fungi, stem vegetables, pine nuts, root vegetables and potatoes	...	...	...	...	...
16.1	Fruit, fresh, dried or uncooked, preserved by freezing not containing added sugar; nuts	...	...	...	...	...

Information bulletin service

If your time is at a premium, FC24 can even deliver information to you without you needing to undertake regular searching. Subscribing to the Information Bulletin service allows you to specify a number of commodities, contaminants and/or countries. Notification of any new RASFF relating to your selections is emailed to you.

taking analysis further

Knowledge For Decision Making

The confidence to make decisions

FC24 will save you time and give you the confidence that you have to hand relevant information for the commodity or contaminant in which you are interested.

In a matter of seconds you can define your search criteria, run the search and have the information you need at your fingertips. Search results are provided on screen or in PDF format, allowing you to save the information you made decisions against, should there be a need at a later stage to justify a decision.

FC24 covers EU regulations, is updated on a daily basis and is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Service you can trust

FC24 is just one in a suite of online decision support tools developed by CSL. All combine our 35-year experience of contaminants analysis and safety in the food supply chain, with data from other authoritative sources. They are simple to use knowledge management tools designed to save food industry professionals time and money, whilst providing them with the confidence that all relevant sources of information have been drawn upon.

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