



Food without Mineral Oil contamination - foodwatch perspective

Online FORUM on Mineral Oil Hydrocarbons (MOHs) in Food
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Response from SCoPAFF

2022 April and October: Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed (SCoPAFF) makes reference to foodwatch's latest laboratory test and Member States agreed to enforce concentrations of MOAH in **all foods** at or above the following maximum LOQs:

- 0.5 mg/kg for dry foods with a low fat/oil content ($\leq 4\%$ fat/oil)
- 1 mg/kg for foods with a higher fat/oil content ($> 4\%$ fat/oil, $\leq 50\%$ fat/oil)
- 2 mg/kg for fats/ oils or foods with $> 50\%$ fat/oil

General Comments on Commission Proposal

- ✓ General agreement with regulation proposal
- ✓ Agree that 1-2 ring aromatical systems are included
- ✓ Agree that Maximum Levels are set in accordance with the LOQ limits from SCoPAFF 2022
- ✓ Agree that continued monitoring of MOSH needed

However:

No exceptions – No exemptions – No delays

Conclusions and demands

1) Contaminants regulation must apply to ALL food products

- **no exceptions** for certain foods
- no exceptions due to source - there can be many sources of contamination – packaging, additives etc.

2) There must be no exemptions for certain products.

- No temporary higher MLs above the LOQ
- Precautionary Principle – remove food until compliant

Conclusions and Demands

3) Continued Improvement of analytical methods

- Laboratories should be trained and experienced enough to analyse samples at the lowest level.
- Agree that there is a need to validate more sensitive analytical methods, in order to achieve the target LOQs for MOSH and MOAH and continually improve on them.

4) MOSH

- It is important to continue the monitoring of MOSH and to review the decision on a regular basis.

Thank You!



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