

Trace element contaminants - to: metal_consultation@fehd.gov.hk 18/8/2017 12:24 From: To: "metal_consultation@fehd.gov.hk" <metal_consultation@fehd.gov.hk>

Dear Sir,

I fully support the government in revising the laws and safety cut-off points for various trace elements in food, which may be harmful to humans in excess. The general proposal are improvement from the present situation.

I have several comments for your kind consideration:-

First, I advise the use of 'trace elements' or 'minerals' in terminology instead of 'metal' because 'metal' does not include arsenic, boron and selenium, for example.

Second, it is helpful to the reader if the units in tables like Annex III can be harmonised to let people know whether the cutoff is becoming more stringent or more lenient. It is nearly impossible to compare 'ppm' and 'mg/Kg'.

Your faithfully,

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