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1. Member States should perform, proportionate to their production, use and consumption of feed and food, random monitoring of the presence of dioxins, dioxin-like PCBs and non-dioxin-like PCBs.
2. In addition to the monitoring referred to in point 1, Member States should monitor specifically the presence of dioxins, dioxin-like PCBs and non-dioxin-like PCBs in the following products:
 - (a) free range and organic eggs;
 - (b) liver of sheep and lamb;
 - (c) Chinese mitten crab, with regard to:
 - (i) muscle meat from appendages (separately);
 - (ii) brown meat (separately);
 - (iii) the total product (by calculation taking into account the levels found in muscle meat from appendages and brown meat and their relative proportion);
 - (d) dried herbs (feed and food);
 - (e) clays sold as food supplement.
3. In cases of non-compliance with the provisions of Directive 2002/32/EC and Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006, and in cases where levels of dioxins and/or dioxin-like PCBs in excess of the action levels specified in the Annex to this Recommendation as regards food and in Annex II to Directive 2002/32/EC as regards feed are found, Member States, in cooperation with operators:
 - (a) initiate investigations to identify the source of contamination;
 - (b) take measures to reduce or eliminate the source of contamination.
4. Member States should submit all the occurrence data of dioxins, dioxin-like PCBs and non-dioxin-like PCBs in feed and food to the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA). Member States should inform the Commission and the other Member States of their findings, the results of their investigations and the measures taken to reduce or eliminate the source of contamination.

This Recommendation replaces Recommendation 2011/516/EU.

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ANNEX

For the purposes of this Annex the following definitions apply:

- (a) ‘Dioxins + furans (WHO-TEQ)’ means the sum of polychlorinated dibenzo-para-dioxins (PCDDs) and polychlorinated dibenzofurans (PCDFs), expressed as World Health Organisation (WHO) toxic equivalent using the WHO-toxic equivalency factors (WHO-TEFs);
- (b) ‘Dioxin-like PCBs (WHO-TEQ)’ means the sum of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), expressed as WHO toxic equivalent using the WHO-TEFs;
- (c) ‘WHO-TEFs’ means the World Health Organisation toxic equivalence factors for human risk assessment based on the conclusions of the World Health Organization (WHO) — International Programme on Chemical Safety (IPCS) expert meeting which was held in Geneva in June 2005 (Martin van den Berg et al., The 2005 World Health Organization Re-evaluation of Human and Mammalian Toxic Equivalency Factors for Dioxins and Dioxin-like Compounds. Toxicological Sciences 93(2), 223–241 (2006)).

FOOD	ACTION LEVEL FOR DIOXINS + FURANS (WHO-TEQ) ⁽¹⁾	ACTION LEVEL FOR DIOXIN-LIKE PCBs (WHO-TEQ) ⁽¹⁾
Meat and meat products (excluding edible offal) ⁽²⁾ of the following animals		
— bovine animals and sheep	1,75 pg/g fat ⁽³⁾	1,75 pg/g fat ⁽³⁾
— poultry	1,25 pg/g fat ⁽³⁾	0,75 pg/g fat ⁽³⁾
— pigs	0,75 pg/g fat ⁽³⁾	0,50 pg/g fat ⁽³⁾
Mixed fats	1,00 pg/g fat ⁽³⁾	0,75 pg/g fat ⁽³⁾
Muscle meat of farmed fish and farmed fishery products	1,50 pg/g wet weight	2,50 pg/g wet weight
Raw milk ⁽²⁾ and dairy products ⁽²⁾ , including butter fat	1,75 pg/g fat ⁽³⁾	2,00 pg/g fat ⁽³⁾
Hen eggs and egg products ⁽²⁾	1,75 pg/g fat ⁽³⁾	1,75 pg/g fat ⁽³⁾
Clays as food supplement	0,50 pg/g wet weight	0,50 pg/g wet weight
Cereals and oilseeds	0,50 pg/g wet weight	0,35 pg/g wet weight
Fruits and vegetables (including fresh herbs) ⁽⁴⁾	0,30 pg/g wet weight	0,10 pg/g wet weight

⁽¹⁾ Upperbound concentrations: Upperbound concentrations are calculated assuming that all the values of the different congeners less than the limit of quantification are equal to the limit of quantification.

⁽²⁾ Foodstuffs listed in this category as defined in Regulation (EC) No 853/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 laying down specific hygiene rules for food of animal origin (OJ L 139, 30.4.2004, p. 55).

⁽³⁾ The action levels are not applicable for food products containing < 2 % fat.

⁽⁴⁾ For dried fruits and dried vegetables (including dried herbs), Article 2 of Regulation (EC) No 1881/2006 is applicable. For dried herbs, a concentration factor as the consequence of drying of 7 has to be taken into account.