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Heavy Metals	Products	Maximum permitted proportion	References
Arsenic (As)	Predatory fish	1.0 mg/kg	Food (Amendment) (No 2) Regulations 2010 PU(A) 435/2010, 30 December 2010
	Others, excluding bivalve molluscs, cephalopods (without viscera) and crustacean	1.0 mg/kg	
	Bivalve molluscs	1.0 mg/kg	
	Cephalopods (without viscera)	1.0 mg/kg	
	Crustacean	1.0 mg/kg	
	Seaweed	1.0 mg/kg	
Lead (Pb)	Predatory fish	1.0 mg/kg	
	Others, excluding bivalve molluscs, cephalopods (without viscera) and crustacean	1.0 mg/kg	
	Bivalve molluscs	1.5 mg/kg	
	Cephalopods (without viscera)	1.0 mg/kg	
	Seaweed	2.0 mg/kg	
Tin (Sn)	Canned Food other than beverages	250 mg/kg	
Mercury (Hg)	Predatory fish	1.0 mg/kg	
	Others	0.5 mg/kg	



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Cadmium (Cd)	Predatory fish	1.0 mg/kg	- do -
	Others, excluding bivalve molluscs, cephalopods (without viscera) and crustacean	1.0 mg/kg	
	Bivalve molluscs	2.0 mg/kg	
	Cephalopods (without viscera)	2.0 mg/kg	
	Crustacean	1.0 mg/kg	
	Seaweed	1.0 mg/kg	

Preservative	Products	Maximum permitted proportion	References
Sulphur dioxide (or sulphites calculated as sulphur dioxide)	Fish paste, belacan, cinalok, otak udang and pekasam	Nil	Food Regulations 1985
	Oyster sauce and fish sauce	400 mg/kg	
Benzoic acid (or sodium benzoate calculated as benzoic acid)	Fish paste, belacan, cinalok, otak udang and pekasam	750 mg/kg	
	Oyster sauce and fish sauce	1,000 mg/kg	
Sorbic acid (or its sodium, calcium or potassium salts calculated as sorbic acid)	Fish paste, belacan, cinalok, otak udang and pekasam	Nil	
	Oyster sauce and fish sauce	Nil	

Notes : In places where the word "Nil" appears, it means that the substance is prohibited in the food.



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Food Additive	Products	Maximum permitted level	References
Phosphate	Canned fish with bone	GMP	Food (Amendment) Regulations 2003 PU (A) 88/2003, 1 September 2003
	Canned fish without bone	0.5 %	
Calcium disodium ethylenediamine tetraacetate (EDTA)	Canned fish	300 mg/kg	

Drug residue	Products	Maximum residue limits	References
Chlortetracycline	Fish, Shrimps	5.0 mg/kg	Food Regulations 1985
Oxytetracycline	Fish, Shrimps	5.0 mg/kg	
Chloramphenicol	Shrimps and prawns	0.3 µg/kg	Guideline on Health Certificate for Importation of Meat, Edible Meat Offal, Poultry, Edible Poultry Offal, Shrimps and Prawns into Malaysia 1 st . January, 2005