

**Clarifications on the joint statement of 21 April 2022 of the Member States regarding the presence of Mineral Oil Aromatic Hydrocarbons in food, including food for infants and young children.**

As regards their joint statement of 21 April 2022 regarding the presence of Mineral Oil Aromatic Hydrocarbons (MOAH) in food, including food for infants and young children, the Member States agreed to clarify that the scope covers all foods, the limits will be applied to the products 'as sold', regardless of the source of MOAH. The total MOAH concentration covers the fraction of MOAH  $\geq C_{10}$  to  $\leq C_{50}$ . The Member States also agreed to further specify the fat content of the products to which the limits of 1 and 2 mg/kg are applicable. For the limit of 0.5 mg/kg, no further specifications were needed:

- 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

The joint statement of 21 April 2022 by the Member States remains fully valid, with the above clarifications.