

**European Union comments for the
CODEX COMMITTEE ON CONTAMINANTS IN FOOD
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**Matters referred to the Committee by the Codex Alimentarius Commission
and/or its subsidiary bodies**

**Matters arising from the Committee on Fats and Oils
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***European Union Competence
European Union Vote***

The European Union (EU) considers that the maximum levels for arsenic and lead for edible fats and oils as listed in the General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins can be applicable to fish oils. The EU is not aware of specific problems related to arsenic and lead in fish oils.

However, in relation to arsenic, the EU considers that the notes / remarks applicable to husked rice and polished rice¹ could be added for edible fats and oils specifying that these would be applicable for fish oils.

¹ "The ML is for inorganic arsenic (As-in).
Countries or importers may decide to use their own screening when applying the ML for As-in in rice by analysing total arsenic (As-tot) in rice. If the As-tot concentration is below the ML for As-in, no further testing is required and the sample is determined to be compliant with the ML. If the As-tot concentration is above the ML for As-in, follow-up testing shall be conducted to determine if the As-in concentration is above the ML."