

- **Contaminants**

[Regulation \(EU\) 2023/915](#) sets out maximum levels for certain contaminants in foods.

The following contaminants are relevant to the Choprabisco sectors:

- mycotoxins (aflatoxins, ochratoxin A, deoxynivalenol, etc.)
- metals (cadmium in chocolate)
- arsenic (rice)
- polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons or PAHs (cocoa and derived products)
- glycidyl fatty acid ester (vegetable oils and fats)

Furthermore, there is [Regulation 2017/2158](#) establishing mitigation measures and benchmark levels for the reduction of the presence of acrylamide in food.

The following categories are relevant to the Choprabisco sectors: biscuits and wafers, gingerbread and biscuits for infants and young children.

In addition, the FAVV/AFSCA established action limits for chemical and microbiological contaminants, even where no EU legislation exists.

Specifically, for the Choprabisco sectors, this relates to:

- aluminium in biscuits and chocolate
- salmonella in chocolate

Working in tandem with Caobisco, Choprabisco is currently working on the following topics:

- limits for mineral oils (MOSH & MOAH)
- the future ban on the presence of bisphenol A in polycarbonate moulds (chocolate) under the EU legislation on food contact materials