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То:	Ms Thérèse BLANCHET, Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union
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In Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2023/915, in section 3 (Metals and other elements), subsection 3.4 (Arsenic) is amended as follows:

(1) the second row is replaced by the following:

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			The maximum level for inorganic arsenic applies to products listed in 3.4.1 to 3.4.8.
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(2) entry 3.4.5 and the row above are replaced by the following:

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3.4.5	Muscle meat of the following fish:		The maximum level applies to the wet weight. Where fish are intended to be eaten whole, the maximum level applies to the whole fish. In case of dried, diluted, processed and/or compound food, Article 3(1) and (2) applies.
3.4.5.1	Species other than those listed under 3.4.5.2	0,10	

3.4.5.2	Anglerfish, monkfish and giant stargazer (Lophius species; Kathetostoma giganteum), flatfishes (Pleuronectiformes species), haddock (Melanogrammus aeglefinus), herring (Clupea species), ray (Rajidae species) and shark (all species).	0,50	
3.4.6	Crustaceans		The maximum level applies to the wet weight. The maximum level applies to muscle meat from appendages and abdomen, which means that the cephalothorax of crustaceans is excluded. In case of crabs and crab-like crustaceans (<i>Brachyura</i> and <i>Anomura</i>) the maximum level applies to the muscle meat from appendages. In case of dried, diluted, processed and/or compound food, Article 3(1) and (2) applies.
3.4.6.1	Crabs and crab-like crustaceans (<i>Brachyura</i> and <i>Anomura</i>), prawn and shrimps (all species).	0,10	
3.4.6.2	Crustaceans other than those listed under 3.4.6.1 and 3.4.6.3.	0,20	
3.4.6.3	Langoustine (Nephrops norvegicus) and rock lobster (Jasus species)	1,5	

3.4.7	Bivalve molluscs		The maximum level applies to the wet weight.
			In case of <i>Pecten maximus</i> , the maximum level applies to the adductor muscle and gonad only.
			In case of dried, diluted, processed and/or compound food, Article 3(1) and (2) applies.
3.4.7.1	Scallops	0,10	
3.4.7.2	Bivalve molluscs other than those listed under 3.4.7.1	0,50	
3.4.8	Cephalopods	0,050	The maximum level applies to the wet weight.
			The maximum level applies to the animal without viscera.
			In case of dried, diluted, processed and/or compound food, Article 3(1) and (2) applies.
		Total arsenic	The maximum level for total arsenic applies to the products listed in 3.4.9.
3.4.9	Salt	0,50	

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