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NORWEGIAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY

STATEMENT CONCERNING TRACE METALS AND PCB IN MACKEREL

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One of the tasks of the Norwegian Food Safety Authority is to guarantee the wholesomeness and good quality of fish and fishery products exported from Norway.

To this end, chemical, physical, microbiological and sensory analyses are performed.

Chemical analyses of the following trace metals have been performed for mackerel:

Hg,mercury

Pb,lead

Cu,copper

Cd,cadmium

As,arsenic, inorganic

Sn,tin

The concentrations found were in all instances low and well below permissible concentrations for those trace metals where limiting values have been given by international regulating bodies.

The concentration of PCB in mackerel caught in the North Sea and the North Atlantic Ocean has been found in the range 0.02-0.08 ppm (mg/kg). In the absence of internationally accepted limiting values for PCB, some countries have established national values ranging from 1 ppm to 5 ppm.

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