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All Dry Fish and Sprats Importers

Heavy Metals in Imported Dry Fish and Sprats

Based on the National Food Safety Survey (2021-22), it has been revealed that many imported dry fish and Sprat samples have been contaminated with Arsenic.

This was discussed at the Food Advisory Committee and decided to inform all dry fish and sprat importers to get a report from an independent accredited laboratory from the exporting country on Heavy Metals **including both total and Inorganic arsenic levels** as a mandatory requirement for releasing the dry fish and Sprat consignments to the country from 1st June 2023.

You are seriously advised not to import any Dry Fish and Sprats with Heavy Metals above the current regulatory level as any food item having heavy metals above the current regulatory levels under the Food Regulations will be rejected.

Please contact Food control Administration Unit (FCAU) for any further clarification – 0112112718



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All Fruit Importers,

Heavy Metals in Imported Fruits.

Based on the National Food Safety Survey (2021-22), it has been revealed that many imported fruit samples have been contaminated with Lead.

This was discussed at the Food Advisory Committee and decided to inform all fruit importers to get a report from an independent accredited laboratory from the exporting country on Heavy Metals (including Lead) in all imported food as a mandatory requirement for releasing the fruit consignments to the country **from 1st of June.**

You are seriously advised not to import any fruit with Heavy Metals above the Codex levels as they will be rejected at the port of entry.

Please contact Food control Administration Unit (FCAU) for any further clarification – 0112112718.

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