



**SANCO/0895/2007**

**GUIDELINES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISION 2002/657/EC<sup>1</sup>  
REGARDING SOME CONTAMINANTS  
(mycotoxins, dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs and heavy metals)**

Commission Decision 2002/657/EC implementing Council Directive 96/23/EC concerning the performance of analytical methods and the interpretation of the results establishes rules for analytical methods to be used in the testing of official samples taken pursuant to Article 15 (1), second sentence, of Directive 96/23/EC on measures to monitor certain substances and residues thereof as well as common criteria for the interpretation of test results of official control laboratories in order to ensure a harmonised implementation of that Directive. It applies since 1 September 2002.

Article 1 paragraph 2 of Commission Decision 2002/657/EC states that "this Decision shall not apply to substances for which more specific rules have been laid down in other Community legislation"

At the moment, the substances concerned are the following:

- (1) Mycotoxins in foodstuffs (see Commission Regulation (EC) No 401/2006<sup>2</sup> laying down the methods of sampling and analysis for the official control of the levels of mycotoxins in foodstuffs establishes rules on sampling methods and performance criteria for the methods of analysis to be used for official control of mycotoxins in food.
- (2) Dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs in foodstuffs (see Commission Regulation (EC) No 1883/2006<sup>3</sup> laying down methods of sampling and analysis for the official control of levels of dioxins and dioxin-like PCBs in certain foodstuffs, contains provisions on sampling, sample preparation and requirements for methods of analysis used in official controls of dioxins (PCDD/PCDF) and dioxin-like PCBs in certain foodstuffs.
- (3) Lead, Cadmium, Mercury, Inorganic tin, 3-MCPD and benzopyrene in foodstuffs (see Commission Regulation (EC) No 333/2007<sup>4</sup> laying down the methods of sampling and analysis for the official control of lead, cadmium, mercury, inorganic tin, 3-MCPD and benzo(a)pyrene in foodstuffs establishes provisions for the sampling and analysis for the official controls for these substances.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 221, 17.8.2002, p.8

<sup>2</sup> OJ L 70, 9.3.2006, p. 12

<sup>3</sup> OJ L 364, 20.12.2006, p. 32

<sup>4</sup> OJ L 88, 29.3.2007, p.29.