

UPDATES ON HEAVY METAL LIMITS FOR COMPLEMENTARY HEALTH PRODUCTS

Dear Industry Stakeholders,

We would like to inform you that the Health Sciences Authority (HSA) will be revising the heavy metal limits for complementary health products as follows:

Heavy Metal	Revised Limits
Arsenic	5 ppm (no change)
Cadmium	0.3 ppm (new addition)
Lead	10 ppm (reduced from 20 ppm)
Mercury	0.5 ppm (no change)
Copper	Not applicable (removed from list)

The revised limits will be implemented on **1 September 2019 for new products**, and on **1 September 2020 for existing products***.

The limits are in place to ensure that the presence of heavy metals are kept to a minimum level to safeguard public health and safety.

With the revision, Singapore's limits will be aligned with those set by the World Health Organisation (WHO) and ASEAN. Aligning our regulatory requirements to international benchmarks will not only protect consumers, but also facilitate companies' entry into other markets through compliance to international standards.

For information on the regulatory requirements on different types of complementary health products such as Chinese proprietary medicines, traditional medicines, health supplements, homoeopathic medicines and medicated oil & balm, please visit our [website](#).

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

**Complementary Health Products Branch
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** Existing products refer to imported/locally manufactured products before 1 September 2019*