

**Food Adulteration (Metallic Contamination) (Amendment) Regulation 2018
("the Amendment Regulation")
Debate and voting arrangements**

Object of the Amendment Regulation : To amend the Food Adulteration (Metallic Contamination) Regulations (Cap. 132V) ("the Regulation") to revise the standards for metallic contamination in food.

The Amendment Regulation repeals the First and Second Schedules to the Regulation and provides for a new Schedule which, among others, sets out the maximum levels of 14 metals that are allowed to be present in food. Those 14 metals, include, in addition to the existing seven metals, barium, boron, copper, manganese, nickel, selenium and uranium. The new Schedule also replaces the existing food categories of "all food in solid form" and "all food in liquid form" with individual food or food groups.

Debate

Dr Hon Helena WONG's proposed resolution

- To amend section 10 (new Schedule) of the Amendment Regulation to revise the maximum permitted concentration ("MPC") for cadmium in four categories of food (including leafy vegetables, wheat, husked rice and polished rice) from 0.2 mg/kg as proposed by the Amendment Regulation to 0.1 mg/kg to keep the MPC for cadmium in the existing Regulation unchanged.

Voting : Vote on Dr Hon Helena WONG's proposed resolution

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