



Wild-caught Australian sardine residue testing annual datasets 2019–20

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Dataset abbreviations

LOR Limit of reporting.

MRL Maximum Residue Limit.

no limit No Australian standard applicable for the contaminant. The ‘as low as reasonably achievable’ principle applies. Detections at low levels are allowable.

not defined Standards are not defined in inedible matrixes (urine, retina and faeces).

not set No Australian standard has been set for the chemical in the edible matrix and any detection is a contravention of the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code.

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Table 1: Metals

Chemical	Matrix	LOR (mg/kg)	MRL (mg/kg)	Number of samples tested	>LOR to ≤½MRL	>½MRL to ≤MRL	>MRL
antimony	flesh	0.01	no limit	1	0	0	0
arsenic (total)	flesh	0.05	no limit	1	1	0	0
cadmium	flesh	0.01	no limit	1	0	0	0
chromium	flesh	0.05	no limit	1	0	0	0
lead	flesh	0.01	0.5	1	0	0	0
mercury (total)	flesh	0.01	1	1	1	0	0