



# Wild-caught Australian eel residue testing annual datasets 2020–21

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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<br>(mg/kg) | MRL<br>(mg/kg) | Number of<br>samples<br>tested | >LOR<br>to<br>≤½MRL | >½MRL<br>to<br>≤MRL | >MRL |
|-----------------|--------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------|
| antimony        | flesh  | 0.01           | no limit       | 10                             | 0                   | 0                   | 0    |
| arsenic (total) | flesh  | 0.05           | no limit       | 10                             | 0                   | 0                   | 0    |
| cadmium         | flesh  | 0.01           | no limit       | 10                             | 0                   | 0                   | 0    |
| chromium        | flesh  | 0.05           | no limit       | 10                             | 0                   | 0                   | 0    |
| lead            | flesh  | 0.01           | 0.5            | 10                             | 1                   | 0                   | 0    |
| mercury (total) | flesh  | 0.01           | 1              | 10                             | 10                  | 0                   | 0    |