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Dietary Exposure Assessment : General Principles

Day 1: 23 July 2025

Review of a Risk Assessment Approach...

Foundations of Exposure Assessment

Consumption Data

Sources, Limitations





Dietary Intakes/Dietary Exposure Assessment

Occurrence of Food Chemicals



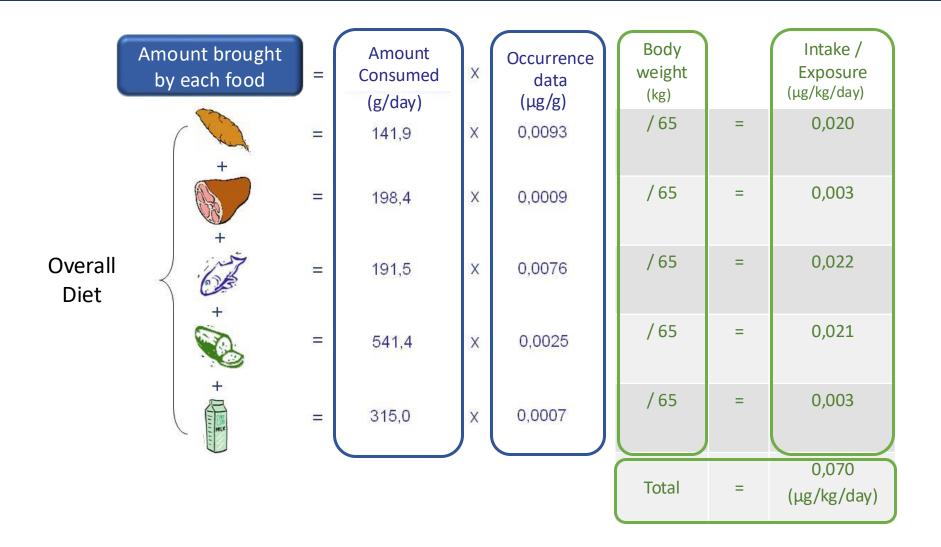


Food consumption





Dietary Intakes/Exposure Assessment





Overview: Types of Food Consumption Data – Pros and Cons

Méthods	Data	Consumption Estimates	Food Chain Level	Drawbacks	
Population-based methods	 □ Food Balance Sheets ■ Total food available for consumption as a physical residual in the market. ■ Total supply = total demand □ Time scale: year 	☐ Median, mean	☐ Raw, semiprocessed products	 No information on distribution of consumption No information on individual exposure and subgroups at risk High level of uncertainty 	
Household-based methods: Always available, generated on a regular basis by national institute of statistics	 □ Purchase or expenditures records • Values and quantities of food purchased, own produced and received at household level □ Large sample size □ Time scale: weeks 	☐ Mean ☐ High Percentile	☐ Raw, semiprocessed and processed products	 □ No intra-household distribution □ Not individual food intakes □ Food eaten outside home difficult to capture 	
Individual-based methods	☐ Food record survey ☐ 24-hour recall survey ☐ Food frequency questionnaire ☐ Meal-based diet history survey ☐ Food habit questionnaire ☐ Small sample size ☐ Time scale: days	☐ Mean☐ High percentile	Raw, semiprocessed and processed products	Expensive, time and resource consumingSusceptible of under- or over reporting	



Stepwise Approach For Dietary Intakes/Dietary Exposure Assessments

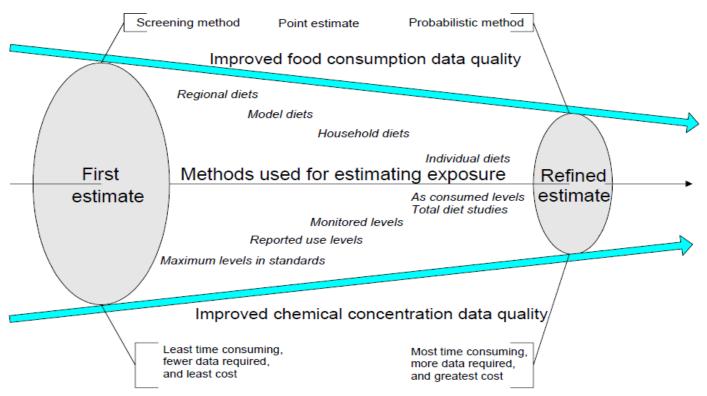
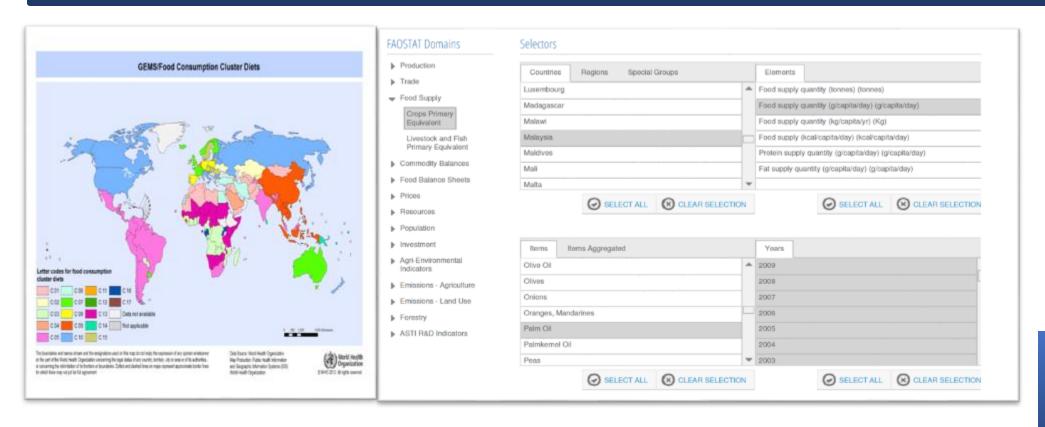


Figure 1 Stepwise approach to obtaining realistic dietary exposure assessments

Note: Data and methods selected from the right-hand side of the diagram are likely to result in a more realistic dietary exposure estimate or "refined estimate"; however, it may not be the "refined estimate" in terms of the "most appropriate" one to suit the purpose of a specific dietary modelling exercise.



Long Term Food Consumption: National Per Capita



Database available: Based on *per capita* data submitted to FAO/Stat (Consumption by year) http://faostat3.fao.org/faostat-gateway/go/to/home/E



Per Capita Consumption: GEMS/Food Cluster Diets

- ☐ Based on FAO Food Balance Sheets
- ☐ Average per capita consumption:
 - http://www.who.int/foodsafety/chem/gems/en/index1.html
- ☐ Used for long term dietary exposure assessment
- ☐ 1989: Five regional diets
- □ 1997: Thirteen cluster diets
- □ 2012: Review of the cluster diets based on new statistical approach
 - Non-negative Matrix Factorization





Long Term Food Consumption: Clustered Per Capita

- Map Countries by Cluster 2012
- **₽** jpg, 605kb
- List Countries by Cluster 2012
- pdf, 297kb
- Data Consumption 2012
- xls, 1.58Mb



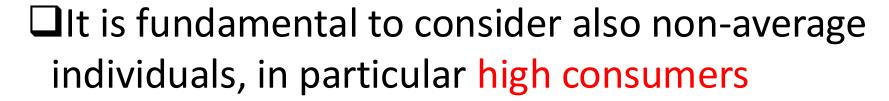
□ Database available

https://www.who.int/nutrition/landscape_analysis/nlis_g em_food/en/



Average vs. High Consumption

☐Within a risk assessment process, mean consumption levels are often not sufficient



Those who consume relatively large quantities of foods





Short Term Exposure

☐ Based on National individual food consumption data submitted to GEMS/Food





☐ Necessary to check the number of consumers





Target Populations



Adult population



Pregnant women



Small children



Infants

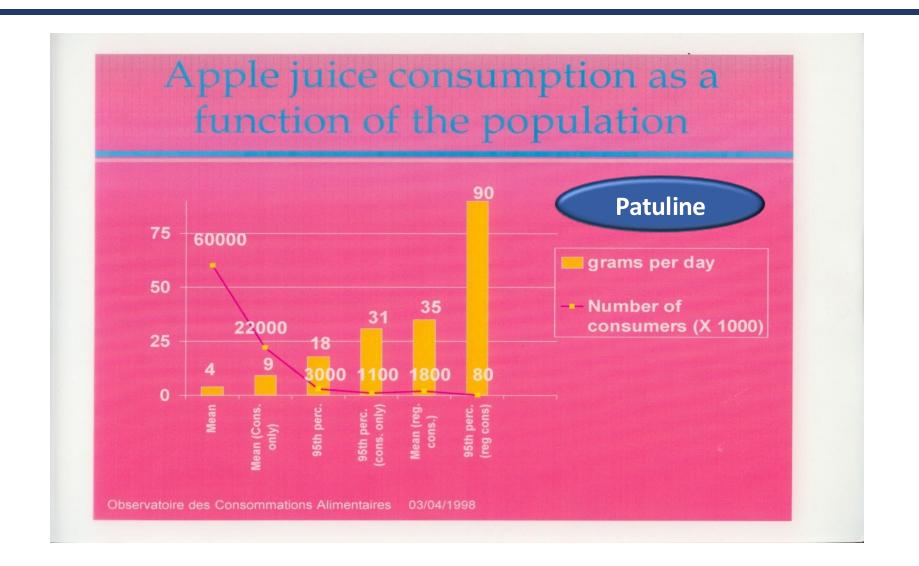


Elderly

Special groups:
vegetarians,
diabetics, ethnic
groups and different
socio-economic
strata ...



Apple Juice Consumption





Review of Exposure Assessment for Chemicals

Calculation Assumptions to Assess the Exposure

Deterministic and Probabilistic Approaches





Data Available Used In FAO/WHO Risk Assessment

Chemical Substances



Per capita consumption



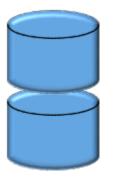
National *per capita* consumption

Clustered *per capita* consumption

ALWAYS LONG TERM



Individual consumption



Short term individual consumption

Long term individual consumption

ALWAYS NATIONAL



Food Classification is Required

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Code
		Buffalo milk	ML 0810 [#]
		Camel milk	ML 0811 [#]
		Cow milk	ML 0812 [#]
	Milks (no other ingredient)	Goat milk	ML 0814 [#]
			ML 0822 [#]
Milk and dairy products (excl. milk fats)		Other and nes milks	ML 0606**
		Milk powder and cream powder (plain)	01.5.1 # #
		Fermented milks (plain)	01.2.1 # #
	Dairy products	Cheese	01.9*
	(excl. milk fats)	lce cream	01.1.2.1*
		Dairy products, nes	AO3 0001**

Codex code for raw agricultural commodities

Codex code for processed food



^{*} Made-up code, no existing reference

^{* *} Existing code but designation adapted

National Per Capita vs. Individual Food Consumption Data

Food Group Commodities	Cluster E (France) Mean Consumption (g/d)	French Individual Food Consumption in g/d (mean/97,5th percentile)
Cereals	222	218 /501
Sugar	114	38/116
Fat and oil	35	18/47
Fish	25	32/119
Fruits	190	126/506
Meat	135	119/274



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FAO/WHO Chronic Individual FOod COnsumption database Summary Statistics

- □ Individual levels of food consumption for average and high consumers based on national surveys.
- ☐ Use to provide chronic dietary intakes/dietary exposure assessments.
 - EFSA (http://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/datexfoodcdb/datexfooddb.htm)
 - USA, Australia, Brazil, China, Japan, South Korea, Thailand, Turkey, Bangladesh, Philippines, Uganda, Burkina Faso
 - Countries data integrated in the database since 2018: Ethiopia, Zambia,
 Zimbabwe, Kenya, Egypt, Malawi



Food and Agriculture Organization of the

United Nations

Chronic Food Consumption Database

☐ Database gathering all chronic individual food consumption data collated by FAO and WHO

Population	Descriptors (g/pers/day and g/kg bw/day)	Food
☐ Children☐ General population	 ■ Mean with STD ■ 5th percentile ■ Median ■ 90th percentile ■ 95th percentile ■ 97.5th percentile 	☐ Level 2: 62 food groups☐ Level 3: 555 food items

☐ Each row corresponds to the consumption of a food item for an age class

in a country

Cluster -	Ageclass +	country -	Level 2 Cod∈ -	WHO Code 🕝	WHO Name 🔻	Total Mean (g/d) →
11	Elderly	Belgium	70	11.5	Honey	1.745945946
10	General population	South Korea	70	11.5	Honey	0.289593000



Distribution of Food Consumption: Uganda



Chronic Individual Food Consumption Summary Statistics



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Uganda

Country	Food name
Argentina	01.7 - Dairy-based desserts (e.g.,
Australia	02.1.2 - Vegetable fats (excl. oil)
Bangladesh	04.2.2 - Other vegetables, nes, o
Belgium	04.2.2h - Processed nuts, includi
Brazil	06.2.1 - Flours, nes
Bulgaria	07.2.1 - Cakes, cookies and pies
Burkina Faso	09.2.5 - Smoked, dried, fermente
China	 11.1 - Sugar, nes
Cyprus	11.3 - Sugar cane juice
Czech Republic (1	12.5.1 - Ready-to-eat soups and
Denmark	 12.6a - Sauces and like products
Finland	14.1 - Isotonic drink
France	14.2.1 - Beer and malt beverage
Greece	14.2.6 - Distilled spirituous bever
☐ Hungary	 16 - Other processed products (収)

Food name	Age class	Number of subjects	Number of consumers	Percentage of consumers
01.7 - Dairy-based desserts (e.g., pudding	g, Adult women	176	1	0.57
02.1.2 - Vegetable fats (excl. oil), nes	Adult women	176	3	1.70
04.2.2 - Other vegetables, nes, other proc	e Adult women	176	2	1.14
04.2.2h - Processed nuts, including coate	d Adult women	176	4	2.27
06.2.1 - Flours, nes	Adult women	176	128	72.73
07.2.1 - Cakes, cookies and pies (e.g., fru	it Adult women	176	10	5.68
09.2.5 - Smoked, dried, fermented, and/or	s Adult women	176	41	23.30
11.1 - Sugar, nes	Adult women	176	129	73.30
11.3 - Sugar cane juice	Adult women	176	2	1.14
12.5.1 - Ready-to-eat soups and broths, in	n Adult women	176	20	11.36
12.6a - Sauces and like products, nes	Adult women	176	2	1.14
14.1 - Isotonic drink	Adult women	176	4	2.27
14.2.1 - Beer and malt beverages, nes	Adult women	176	11	6.25
14.2.6 - Distilled spirituous beverages con	tı Adult women	176	3	1.30

Distribution of food consumption in Uganda (g/kg bw/day)



Distribution of Food Consumption: Uganda (2)

Distribution of food consumption in Uganda (g/kg bw/day)

Chart Table

Enad	Ann alass	Total	Total	Total P5	Total	Total	Total	Total	Consume	Consume	Consumer	Consume	Consume	Consume	Con
Food	Age class	Mean	STD		P50	P90	P95	P975	rs mean	rs STD	s P5	rs P50	rs P90	rs P95	sum
01.7 - Dairy-based desserts (e.g., p	Adult women	0.0210	0.2786	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	3.6964		3.6964	3.6964	3.6964	3.6964	3.69
02.1.2 - Vegetable fats (excl. oil), ne	Adult women	0.0014	0.0118	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0800	0.0525	0.0283	0.1083	0.1114	0.1118	0.11
04.2.2 - Other vegetables, nes, othε	Adult women	0.0266	0.2527	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	2.3393	0.5962	1.9600	2.3393	2.6766	2.7187	2.73
04.2.2h - Processed nuts, including	Adult women	0.0064	0.0575	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.2803	0.3007	0.0579	0.1794	0.5721	0.6440	0.679
06.2.1 - Flours, nes	Adult women	3.4819	3.1884	0.0000	3.3635	7.8283	9.4920	10.7579	4.7876	2.7763	0.4317	4.3507	8.4863	10.4221	11.03
07.2.1 - Cakes, cookies and pies (e.	Adult women	0.0205	0.0930	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0593	0.4577	0.3614	0.1769	0.0784	0.4522	0.5010	0.5056	0.50
09.2.5 - Smoked, dried, fermented, ε	Adult women	0.0333	0.0984	0.0000	0.0000	0.1077	0.1989	0.2521	0.1428	0.1623	0.0233	0.0765	0.2523	0.4850	0.57
11.1 - Sugar, nes	Adult women	0.4611	0.4387	0.0000	0.3765	1.0894	1.2853	1.4916	0.6292	0.3957	0.0993	0.5446	1.1768	1.3696	1.53
11.3 - Sugar cane juice	Adult women	0.0404	0.4329	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	3.5552	2.7928	1.7778	3.5552	5.1350	5.3325	5.43
12.5.1 - Ready-to-eat soups and bri	Adult women	0.1399	0.5324	0.0000	0.0000	0.3835	0.7927	1.8578	1.2309	1.0941	0.3293	0.7797	2.5206	2.7480	3.67
12.6a - Sauces and like products, n	Adult women	0.0015	0.0141	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.1330	0.0077	0.1281	0.1330	0.1373	0.1379	0.13
14.1 - Isotonic drink	Adult women	0.0601	0.4033	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	2.6462	0.6028	2.0028	2.6555	3.1934	3.2765	3.31
14.2.1 - Beer and malt beverages, n	Adult women	0.4162	2.4047	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.6805	4.1381	6.6586	7.4482	1.5176	4.1252	13.9201	20.1674	23.2
14.2.6 - Distilled spirituous beverage	Adult women	0.0191	0.1510	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.1194	0.3849	0.7397	1.3093	1.3598	1.3661	1.36
16 - Other processed products (exc	Adult women	0.0080	0.0835	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.7029	0.4936	0.3888	0.7029	0.9822	1.0171	1.03
16.2 - Plant based composite food, ı	Adult women	0.0024	0.0222	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.2077	0.0355	0.1851	0.2077	0.2278	0.2303	0.23
16.7 - Egg-based composite food	Adult women	0.0369	0.1904	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.6493	0.8126	0.4306	0.2814	0.8645	1.3054	1.3540	1.37
16.9 - Animal-based composite fooc	Adult women	0.0186	0.1172	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.2760	0.5460	0.3674	0.2238	0.4658	0.9136	1.0706	1.14
17 - Other foods (foods which cann	Adult women	0.0309	0.1925	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0306	0.3839	0.6041	0.6488	0.1380	0.4020	1.2824	1.7280	1.95
CF 1211 - Wheat flour	Adult women	0.0480	0.1837	0.0000	0.0000	0.0360	0.3137	0.6645	0.4698	0.3710	0.1731	0.3201	0.7390	0.9619	1.32
CF 1255 - Maize flour	Adult women	1.1352	1.4877	0.0000	0.4458	3.3308	4.2623	4.8108	2.0181	1.4670	0.3193	1.6304	4.1077	4.7033	5.77
CF 3200 - Millet flour	Adult women	0.2442	0.5209	0.0000	0.0000	1.0165	1.3371	1.4713	0.8597	0.6551	0.2054	0.6431	1.4330	1.8533	2.05
CP 0179a - Wheat white bread	Adult women	0.0614	0.1825	0.0000	0.0000	0.3131	0.4464	0.6433	0.4909	0.2377	0.2786	0.3749	0.7888	0.8146	1.00
FA 0818 - Lard (of pigs)	Adult women	0.0014	0.0173	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0006	0.0348	0.0859	0.0004	0.0007	0.0982	0.1638	0.19
FC 0004 - Orange, sweet, sour + or	Adult women	0.0616	0.3242	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.1064	0.8395	1.2046	0.8665	0.4473	0.9804	2.2019	2.5815	2.77
FI 0326 - Avocado	Adult women	0.2383	0.6525	0.0000	0.0000	0.9603	1.6515	2.2910	1.3979	0.9446	0.4091	1.1749	2.7257	3.2084	3.64
FI 0327 - Banana	Adult women	1.6136	2.7711	0.0000	0.0000	4.6166	6.2785	8.5706	3.3411	3.1870	0.4624	2.3594	6.3685	8.8521	12.1



GEMS/Food Contaminants Database

☐ Estimation of Chemical Concentration

https://extranet.who.int/gemsfood/Default.aspx#

GEMS/Food Contaminants

Welcome to GEMS/Food Contaminants

Since 1976, the Global Environment Monitoring System - Food Contamination Monitoring and Assessment Programme, which is commonly known as GEMS/Food, has informed governments, the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other relevant institutions, as well as the public, on levels and trends of contaminants in food, their contribution to total human exposure, and significance with regard to public health and trade. The Programme is implemented by the WHO in cooperation with a network of more than 30 WHO Collaborating Centres and recognized national institutions located all around the world. [More] 💆

Browse the GEMS/Food Contamination Database

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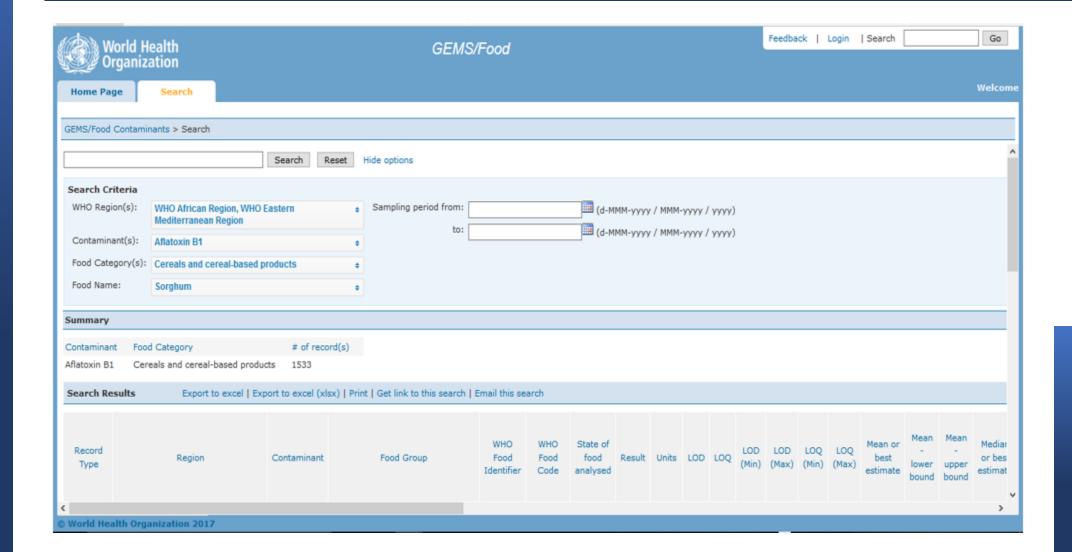
- WHO European Region (777399*/1205884[†] records)
- WHO Western Pacific Region (375699/594372 records)
- WHO/PAHO Region of the Americas (57831/62454 records)
- WHO African Region (12949/13245 records)
- WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region (4577/4577 records)
- WHO South-East Asia Region (4233/4309 records)

Select a contaminant below to view recently published studies:

- Cadmium (187406*/307405* records)
- Arsenic (total) (109441/115347 records)
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- Lead (36337/214951 records)
- PCB 101 (17127/17127 records)
- in the past 12 months, total number of records.

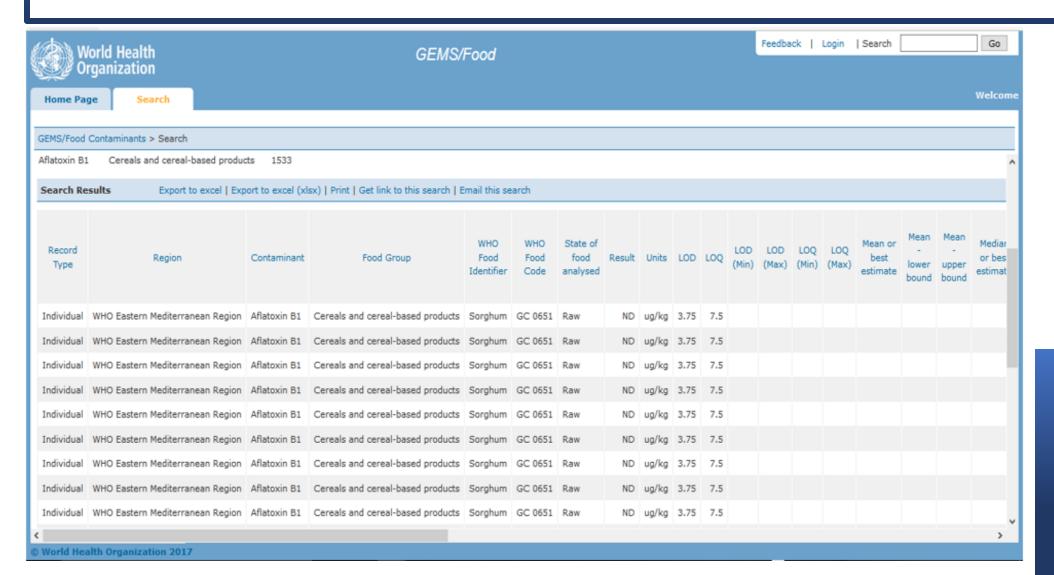


GEMS/Food Contaminants Database (2)





GEMS/Food Contaminants Database (3)





Calculation Models to Assess Dietary Exposure & Statistical Assumptions

"Deterministic" approach (i.e. screening method, point estimates, TDS)

- ☐ Occurrence:
 - Maximum observed value, MRL, usages authorization or fortification, ML...
 - Consumers and occurrence surveys are independent



- Statistics consumption observed on population, households or individuals
- Statistics occurrence data observed on raw commodities or processed foods
- ☐ Over a lifetime, we may calculate how the individual is to be exposed at
 - maximum, mean or median of occurrence data and / or consumption.
- ☐ Approach mainly used in risk assessment to chemicals in food at national/European and international level





Deterministic Modelling: Long Term Estimates

	Meat	Wine	Cereal	Bread	Coffee	e Fruit and V	√eg.	р.	Alcohol						
							Dry	Rice		¬	_	I	IDENTI	POIDS	Exposition
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1000301		0	515	1095	0	0	0	M.	144	_			1000302	54	7.1
1000302		0	90	410	22	0	0	0	1991		.135	wine	1000401	58	30.9
1000401		0	450	980	70	0	80	1200	184	0.	.611	Cereal	1000402	60	31.1
1000402		0	375	1145	70	0	80	1200	0//	0	.728	Bread	1000403	44	40.3
1000403		0	75	1140	15	0	0	1550	0	$M \setminus M$			1000404	24	65.5
1000404		0	586	790	70	0	0	910	0			Coffee	1000501	71	19.4
1000501	320	200	120	1150	148	525	200	0	0	1 0.	.193	Fruit and Veg.	1000502	42	30.9
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1000601	275	0	100	840	51	0	0	100	0	1 1/2		Dry	1000701	89	18.4
1000701	280	0	335	1494	121	0	320	0	0	\.	.533	Rice	1000702	52	27.5
1000702	193	0	400	1114	175	0	320	0	0	1 10 .	.075	Alcohol	1000702	60	43.4
1000703	460	0	365	2838	26	0	320	0	0	<u> </u>			1000801	58	23.6
1000801	200	0	610	880	94	615	0	150	0			I	1000802	26	39.0
1000802	188	0	705	600	0	175	0	100	0			I	1000002	69	32.8
1000901	430	5520	0	1680	82	0	0	150	0			I	1000902	75	12.3
1000902	360	0	250	670	0	0	200	150	0			I	1000502	85	10.8
1002501	363	0	0	1048	44	0	0	0	0				100200.		10.0

Each consumption is multipled by the mean contamination (of the Commodity), then summed together and divided by the body weight



Calculation Models to Assess Dietary Exposure & Statistical Assumptions

"Probabilistic" approach

□ Parametric

 Direct combination of consumption and occurrence distributions by random selection according to the <u>parameters of the estimated distribution law</u> or adjusted



☐ Non-parametric

 Direct combination distributions of consumption and contamination/occurrence by random selection according to the observed empirical distribution

☐ Hypothesis:

- Over a lifetime, the individual will be exposed to the same level of chemical composition and / or consumption. Consumers and occurrence surveys are independent
- It is importance to characterize and record data sources, the approach used to generate dietary intakes/exposure figures along with uncertainties in the database and assumption taken

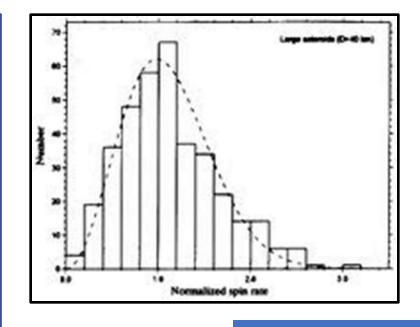


Probabilistic Modeling



IDENTI	viande	vin	cereal	pain	cafe	fruitleg	sec	riz	alcool
1000103	150	0	585	120	0	0	320	200	0
1000302	30	0	90	410	22	0	0	0	0
1000802	188	0	705	600	0	175	0	100	0
1000902	360	0	250	670	0	0	200	150	0
1000102	1020	0	200	700	67	0	100	600	0
1000404	270	0	586	790	70	0	0	910	0
1000601	275	0	100	840	51	0	0	100	0
1000801	200	0	610	880	94	615	0	150	0
1000401	195	0	450	980	70	0	80	1200	0
1000101	400	770	1000	1030	67	0	200	400	0
1000502	175	800	260	1040	126	500	0	0	0
1000601	275	0	100	840	51	0	0	100	0
1000301	740	0	515	1095	0	0	0	0	0
1000702	193	0	400	1114	175	0	320	0	0
1000403	185	0	75	1140	15	0	0	1550	0
1000402	195	0	375	1145	70	0	80	1200	0
1000601	275	0	100	840	51	0	0	100	0
1000701	280	0	335	1494	121	0	320	0	0
1000901	430	5520	0	1680	82	0	0	150	0
1000201	609	4360	260	2386	357	0	990	0	0
1000703	460	0	365	2838	26	0	320	0	0

viande	vin	cereal	pain	cafe	fruitleg	sec	riz	alcool
0.75	0.55	0.5	0.2	1	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.05
0.2	0.01	0.5	2.7	1	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.05
0.5	0.01	0.5	0.5	1	0.19	0.1	0.5	0.05
0.2	0.89	0.5	0.5	1	0.06	0.5	1.4	0.05
0.5	0.01	0.5	0.2	0.04	0.5	1.6	0.5	0.05
0.2	0.01	0.5	0.5	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.5	0.05
0.34	0.01	0.5	0.5	1	0.02	0.1	0.5	0.05
0.2	0.01	0.5	0.2	0.04	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.05
0.2	0.01	0.5	0.2	0.04	0.07	0.5	0.5	0.05
0.1	0.01	0.5	0.9	1	0.44	0.5	0.5	0.05
0.2	0.04	0.05	0.3	0.2	0.13	0.04	0.5	0.05
0.5	0.01	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.46	0.2	0.5	0.05
0.2	0.01	0.5	0.5	1.6	0.24	0.5	0.5	0.05
0.2	0.01	1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.05
0.2	0.01	0.5	0.5	0.08	0.06	0.5	0.5	0.05
0.2	2.89	1	0.2	0.05	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.05
0.2	1.48	0.5	0.5	0.88	0.08	0.2	0.5	0.05
0.2	0.01	0.5	0.5	0.066	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.05
0.2	0.21	0.5	1.2	1	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.05
0.5	0.01	0.8	0.5	0.05	0.05	0.5	0.5	0.05
0.2	0.01	0.5	0.5	3.2	0.11	0.5	0.5	0.05



Product term by term and dividing by the body weight



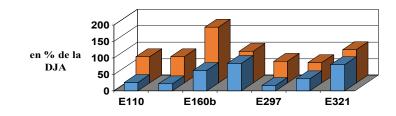
Screening Tools (Budget Method) – Food Additive Exa



\Box Q = 3 kg solid food + 6.0 liters beverages

- Based on maximum physiological limits with 0,50g/kgbw/d for solid food and 0,100ml/kg bw/d for beverages for an 60kg adult (equivalent to 3kg foods and 6 liters beverages) (EHC 240, 2010)
- With arbitrarily default proportion factor for solid foods and beverages that may contain the substance

□C = Maximum permitted level for a food additive



Based on theoretical maximum levels both for **Q** and for C



 \Box E = Q * C

If E < ADI

Acceptable additive (exposure is favorable)



Budget Method vs Food Consumption

Table 1: Summary of anticipated exposure to Brilliant Blue FCF using the tiered approach (EC, 2001) in children and the adult population.

	Adult UK population (>18 years old)	Children UK & Expochi population (1-10 years old, 15.8-29 kg body weight
	mg/kg bw/day	mg/kg bw/day
Tier 1. Budget method	8.1	13.1
Tier 2. Maximum Permitted Level		
 Mean exposure 	0.9	0.5 - 3.4
• Exposure 95 th *or 97.5 th percentile**	3.3	1.2 - 7.2
Tier 3. Maximum reported use levels		
 Mean exposure 	0.6	0.2 - 2.1
• Exposure 95 th *or 97.5 th percentile**	3.0	0.6 - 4.8



Margin of Exposure (MOE)

- ☐ Ratio between selected point of departure (on dose-response curve from animal or epidemiological study) and the estimated human intake
- ☐ Takes potency and exposure into account
- ☐ Can be used to prioritize different contaminants if consistent approach is applied
- ☐A MOE below 10 000* may indicate a human health concern and a MOE over 10 000 indicate a low concern

MOE = Low dose producing tumors in animals human exposure dose



