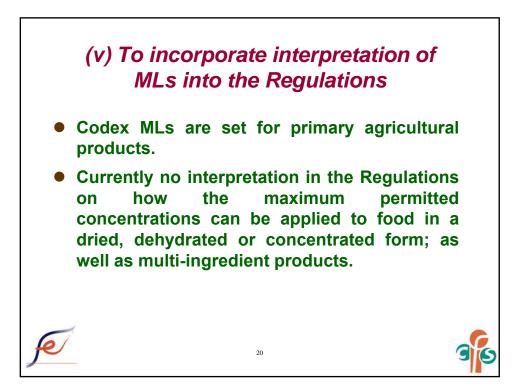
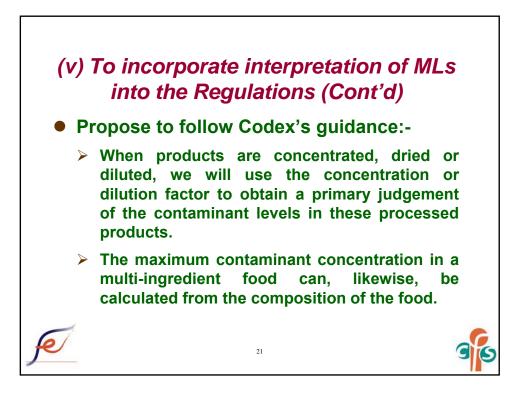


(iv) To update the food descriptions and nomenclatures in the Regulations

- How?
 - Make reference to the available Codex's food descriptions and nomenclatures or those of other jurisdictions as appropriate.
- Why?
 - Bring the Regulations in alignment with the internationally accepted food descriptions and nomenclatures.
 - Facilitate interpretation of the proposed metallic contamination levels under the Regulations by local and overseas stakeholders alike.





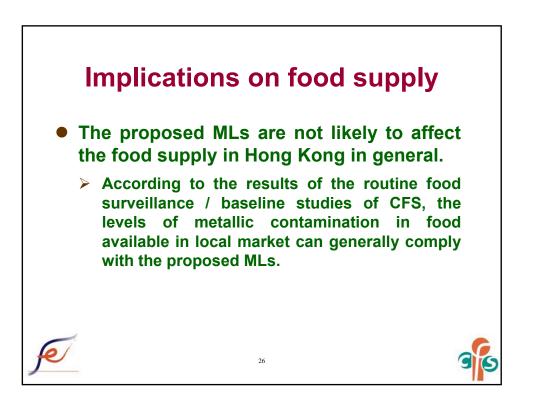


Total number of MLs under the Regulations will increase fromto 145.Reason: the proposed new approach of replacing the existingfood categories of "all food in solid / liquid form" with speciesMLs targeting individual food / food groups.Metallic contaminantCurrent RegulationsProposed Amendments		
Antimony	3	9
Arsenic	4	17
Cadmium	3	28
Chromium	3	10
Lead	2	52
Mercury	2	15
Tin	2	2
7 additional metals (i.e. (i) barium, (ii) boron, (iii) copper, (iv) manganese; (v) nickel, (vi)	0	12
selenium and (vii) uranium)		



Overview of the proposed MLs (Cont'd)

- Have set MLs for those types of food on an absolutely necessary basis only.
- For food / food groups without specific MLs under the Regulations, CFS will continue to conduct risk assessment to assess whether the food concerned will be dangerous or prejudicial to health.
- Strike a balance between safeguarding public health and avoiding undue regulation.



Capability of local testing and laboratory sector

• Capable of providing testing services for the metallic contaminants as proposed, provided that the sector is given sufficient time in advance to gear up for making available such testing services.

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