

Nickel Maximum Levels EU 2025

Product Category	Max. Nickel Content (mg/kg)	Comments
Nuts (general)	3.5	Edible part; not for oil extraction
Chestnuts / Pine nuts / Walnuts / Brazil nuts / Cashew nuts	10	Edible part; not for oil extraction
Root, tuber and bulb vegetables	0.9	Fresh weight, after washing, edible part
Fruit vegetables	0.4	Fresh weight, after washing, edible part
Cabbage vegetables	0.5	Fresh weight, after washing, edible part
Leafy vegetables	0.5	Fresh weight, after washing, edible part
Fresh herbs	1.2	Fresh weight, after washing, edible part
Legumes (fresh)	1	Fresh weight, after washing, edible part
Soybeans / Edamame	6	Fresh weight, after washing, edible part
Stem vegetables	0.4	Fresh weight, after washing, edible part
Seaweed (general)	30	For dried seaweed as sold; for fresh: based on dry matter
Wakame	40	For dried seaweed as sold; for fresh: based on dry matter
Legumes (general)	4	Fresh weight
Dried beans and lupins	12	Fresh weight
Sunflower seeds	8	Not for oil extraction
Peanuts	12	Not for oil extraction
Soybeans (dried)	15	Not for oil extraction
Cereals (general)	0.8	From July 1, 2026; not for breweries/distillation (unless residues are consumed)
Durum wheat / Rice	1.5	From July 1, 2026
Hulled rice	2	From July 1, 2026
Pseudocereals / Millet	3	From July 1, 2026
Oats	5	From July 1, 2026
Milk chocolate <30% cocoa	2.5	<30% anhydrous cocoa solids
Milk chocolate ≥30% cocoa and chocolate	7	≥30% anhydrous cocoa solids or chocolate
Cocoa powder (household use)	15	Cocoa powder or fat-reduced powder for household use
Infant formula (powder)	0.25	Powder form
Infant formula (powder, soy-based)	0.4	Based on soy protein isolates
Infant formula (liquid)	0.1	Liquid product
Processed baby cereal product	3	Product as sold
Baby food (other)	0.5	Product as sold
Fruit/vegetable juices	0.25	Product as sold
Juices with passion fruit, cocoa, berries, small fruits, coconut water	1	For specific fruit juices and coconut water