

**GUIDANCE DOCUMENT TOLERANCES: SIMPLIFIED SUMMARY TABLE**

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	Tolerances for foods including MU	Tolerances for food supplements including MU	Tolerances for nutrients regulated by Reg. 24/2006/EC, Reg. 1925/2006/EC in foods or food supplements when the declared value=minimum or maximum level to be present or levels specified in a claim		Rounding
	and for tolerances for nutrients regulated by Reg. 924/2006/EC, Reg. 1925/2006/EC when the tolerance range around the declared value given below does not overlap with the minimum or maximum level to be present		Side 1, incl. MU; range applied to minimum or maximum level to be present when this level a) ≠ declared value and b) overlaps with tolerance range around the declared value from columns 2&3	Side 2	
Vitamins	+50%** -35%	+50%** -20%	+ 50%**	- MU	vitamin A, folic acid: 3 sig. figures all other vitamins: 2 sig. figures
Minerals	+45% -35%	+45% -20%	+ 45%	- MU	Cl, Ca, P, Mg, I, K: 3 sig. figures all other minerals: 2 sig. figures
Carbohydrate*, Protein*, Fibre*	<10g/100g: ±2g (fat: ±1.5g) 10-40g/100g: ±20% >40g/100g: ±8g		<10g/100g: +4g 10-40g/100g: +40% >40g/100g: +16g	- MU	≥10g/100g or ml: to nearest 1g <10g and >0.5g/100g or ml: to nearest 0.1g no detectable amounts or ≤0.5g/100g or ml: "0g" or "<0.5g" may be declared
Sugars* Fat*			<10g/100g: -4g (fat: -3 g) 10-40g/100g: -40% >40g/100g: -16g	+ MU	(rounding also applicable to polyols*, starch*)
Saturates*	<4g/100g: ±0.8g ≥4g/100g: ±20%		<4g/100g: -1.6g ≥4g/100g: -40%	+ MU	≥10g/100g or ml: to nearest 1g <10 and >0.1g/100g or ml: to nearest 0.1g
Monounsaturates* Polyunsaturates*			<4g/100g: +1.6g ≥4g/100g: +40%	- MU	no detectable amounts or : "0g" or "<0.1g" may be declared ≤0.1g/100g or ml:
Sodium	<0.5g/100g: ±0.15g ≥0.5g/100g: ±20%		<0.5g/100g: -0.3g ≥0.5g/100g: -40%	+ MU	≥1g/100g or ml: to nearest 0.1g <1g and >0.005g/100g or ml: to nearest 0.01g no detectable amounts or : "0g" or "<0.01g" may be declared ≤ 0.005g/100g or ml:
Salt	<1.25g/100g: ±0.375g ≥1.25g/100g: ±20%		<1.25g/100g: -0.75g ≥1.25g/100g: -40%	+ MU	≥1g/100g or ml: to nearest 0.1 g <1g and >0.0125g/100g or ml: to nearest 0.01g no detectable amounts or : "0g" or "<0.01g" may be declared ≤0.0125g/100g or ml
Energy					to nearest 1kJ/kcal

\* not applicable to sub-categories

\*\* for vitamin C in liquids, higher upper tolerance values could be accepted

MU: measurement uncertainty

sig.: significant