

# List of Abbreviations and Technical terms

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## Acronym Definition

ADME      Absorption, distribution, metabolism, and excretion

ATSDR      Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

BHg      Blood mercury

BMDL      Benchmark-dose lower confidence limit

Bw	Bodyweight
CONTAM	Panel on Contaminants in the Food Chain
CLEA	Contaminated Land Exposure Assessment
COT	Committee on the Toxicity of Chemicals in Food, Consumer Products and the Environment
DEFRA	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
DHA	Docosahexaenoic acid
EFSA	European Food Safety Authority
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations
HBGV	Health-based guidance value
Hg	Mercury
JECFA	Joint Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations / World Health Organisation Expert Committee on Food Additives
LCPUFA	Long chain polyunsaturated fatty acid
MeHg	Methylmercury
MOCEH	Mothers and Children's Environmental Health
NOAEL	No observed adverse effect level

OWO	Overweight or obesity
PTWI	Provisional tolerable weekly intake
SACN	Scientific Advisory Committee on Nutrition
SCDS	Seychelles child development study
SCOOP	Scientific cooperation
TDS	Total diet survey
TWI	Tolerable weekly intake
WHO	World health organisation