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Innovative Research on Food Contaminants

Message from the Guest Editors

Food safety related to the presence of various contaminants along the food and feed chain is an indispensable parameter to guarantee the highest quality for the consumer. Pesticides/agricultural products, mycotoxins, plasticizers, heavy metals, pathogenic microorganisms, and environmental pollutants are the most frequently reported hazards. The monitoring, control, and use of such contaminants are major issues to be addressed, and they play a central role in global food safety programs. Maximum permitted levels have been established at European and global levels in several food commodities to safeguard consumer health. The available innovative analytical techniques and high-performance methods are indispensable tools for residue determination; particular attention should be paid to the development of multi-contaminant detection methods. In order to reduce the levels of these residues in food, new security policies and environmental/agronomical practices to reduce contamination in different areas of the food industry are of the utmost importance.

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