

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Dr. Kingsley Kay,

OUR FILE NO. 344-1-3

REF. YOUR FILE NO. 455-10-13
DATED Jan. 13/50

FROM: Assistant Director, Food & Drugs Div.

DATE: 23rd January, 1950

SUBJECT:

Arsenic in Food

In reply to your enquiry of January 13, under section 4(f) of the Food and Drugs Act and section B.15.003 of the Food and Drug Regulations, vegetables containing in excess of 1.4 parts per million of arsenic is adulterated, and their sale, offer or exposure for sale is prohibited by section 23 of the Food and Drugs Act.

Any action on our part would be based on analysis of a representative sample and finding an amount of arsenic (calculated as As_2O_3) significantly greater than 1.4 parts per million.

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