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| Table 1. Guideline values for limits of arsenic and other toxic metals in herbal preparations |
| Guideline | Arsenic | Mercury | Lead | Units |
| ANSI 173 – ref (4) | 10 | 20 | 20 | µg/day |
| JECFA-ref (4) | 150 | 50 | 250 | µg/day |
| WHO 2007 –ref (10) | <5 | <10 | <10 | mg/kg |
| **Key:** Guideline values used by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI)/National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) International Dietary Supplement Standard 173 (ANSI 173), listed in ref 4.The Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (JECFA) is an international expert scientific committee that is administered jointly by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO). They give acceptable daily intakes for a 70-kg adult, also quoted in ref 4.WHO guidelines for medicinal plants, quotes Malaysian guidelines for finished herbal products, ref 10. |