

VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATION SCHEME FOR AYUSH PRODUCTS
SECTION III
Certification Criteria

Permissible Levels of Contaminants for AYUSH Premium Mark

1. Heavy Metals

S. No.	Parameters	Permissible Limit
1	Lead (Pb)	10 ppm
2	Cadmium (Cd)	0.3 ppm
3	Arsenic (As)	3 ppm
4	Mercury (Hg)	1 ppm

Note – These shall be as per Ministry of AYUSH /Importing country current regulations.

2. Aflatoxins

S. No.	Parameters	Permissible Limit
1	B 1	5.0 ppb
2	B1+ G1 + B2 + G2 sum	10 ppb

Note – These shall be as per Ministry of AYUSH /Importing country current

3. Pesticide Residues

These shall be as per API / UPI / SPI / HPI /Importing country regulations.

4. Microbial contamination

These shall be as per Ministry of AYUSH /Importing country current regulations.

Note- **Only for homeopathy products:** the total microbial count not more than 100 per gm of lactose/biochemical tablet and 1 gm sample free from *Escherichia coli* and *Salmonellae*.
(Reference: HPI, Volume IIV, Page no 115)