

*Melamine - The Assessment of Risk.*

Melamine was detected as an adulterant in pet food in 2007 and again in infant formula in 2008. These events led to risk assessments by the United States, Food and Drug Administration, the World Health Association, and others. The factors considered in arriving at the Total Dietary Intake will be presented including, the chemical composition of the crystals, the available controlled exposure studies, and the uncertainty factors used. The distinction between uncertainty and the assessment of risk and causation will be discussed.

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