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This publication first of all provides general information on microbiological contaminations, additives, residues, impurities and different methods of preparation. The main chapter presents information on individual substances ranging from allergens to drinking water. Despite the detailed index, it is difficult to find key words because there is no complete consecutive pagination.

With respect to microbiological contaminations, detailed information on the cause and prophylaxis of infections

transmitted by foods, toxic infections and intoxications is missing in the general section.

The descriptions of individual substances contain much useful information. The detailed description of the poisonous substance lead is to be particularly stressed. Uptake of lead from drinking water from old mains with lead pipes is a danger to health even today.

Individual chapters comprise their own comprehensive lists of references.

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