

CUSTOMER INFORMATION 24-04

APRIL 2024

EU ADDITIONAL CONTROL MEASURES IN THE REPUBLIC OF TUNISIA



Dear valued customers,

In addition to Kiwa BCS Customer Information provided in December 2023 regarding Additional Control Measures imposed by European Commission for Dates in Tunisia, Kiwa BCS wants to inform you about the guideline on how to handle the requirement of 10 % of the sampling prior exporting to European Union, respectively issuance of Certificate of Inspection (COI).

1 CONCERNED CN-CODE FOR THE EXPORT OF DATES

The official letter document published by European Commission is available on their webpage https://agriculture.ec.europa.eu/document/download/e84a48d1-321a-47bb-811a-5dcfa3281b39_en?filename=letter-Control-bodies-authorities-import-organic-products-from-certain-countries_en.pdf

PRODUCT	CN CODE
Dates	0804 10 00

2 REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES FOR THE SAMPLING BEFORE EXPORT, ISSUANCE OF COI AND BILLING

2.1 NOTIFICATION OF EXPORT AND NECESSARY DOCUMENTS

- Request the COI with at least **four days** in advance, before the consignment leaves the port/country.
- To apply for COI in TRACES, please complete our Application for Certificate of Inspection form including all required documents and send it to DE.TC.IN.BCS@kiwa.com.
- In addition to the required documents indicated in the Application for Certificate of Inspection the operator under additional control measures is obliged to send:

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- Traceability of companies and products (supply chain): All organic certificates (in case that supplier is not certified by Kiwa BCS) and company data of the companies involved in the trade flow from the producer to the exporter.
- If an analysis report is included, the lot number that has been sampled needs to be linked to the lot(s) meant to be exported, or an additional document indicating the full traceability and link between the lots needs to be handed in.

2.2 ASSIGNMENT OF SAMPLING AND PESTICIDE ANALYSIS

- Kiwa BCS agrees on two possible options:
 - **Option 1** → Sample taking for the consignment as individual assignment (outside of annual or additional inspections).
 - **Option 2** → Sample taking of consignment in combination with/during annual or additional inspections.
- The client's responsibility is to arrange the sampling with Kiwa BCS assessor, Mr. Sadreddine Beji (contact details: beji_sadreddine@yahoo.fr). The Kiwa BCS assessor orders the pesticide analysis in an accredited laboratory, approved by Kiwa BCS.
- The pesticide screening needs to include the **multi-pesticide screening**.
- On the laboratory's test report, the name of Kiwa BCS Öko-Garantie GmbH needs to be stated as the commissioner of the analysis. The analysis report needs to be sent by the laboratory to both, the client and the Kiwa BCS residue team de.residues.bcs@kiwa.com.
- The Certificate of Inspection (COI) team of Kiwa BCS will follow up if the quota for the sampling is being fulfilled and actively inform the client if quotas are not fulfilled.
- In case that the client neither reacts to Kiwa BCS reminders on unfulfilled sampling quotas, Kiwa BCS reserves right to stop issuing COIs.

2.2.1 Accredited laboratory for analysis

Kiwa BCS will commission this laboratory:

PLANTON GmbH
Groß Hasselrod 2
DE-24159 Kiel
GERMANY

analytik@planton.de

General Manager: Adriaan Besemer, Wulf
Jannsen, Dr. Gero Schönwaßer
Registration Nuremberg HRB 9734

accredited according ISO 17065

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2.2.2 Check for approval

- If pesticide residues or other irregularities are found, an investigation must be initiated by the Kiwa BCS residue team.

2.2.3 Billing for sampling, analysis, COI issuance and investigation

- Referring to the **option 1**, following fee will be invoiced to the clients:

Services option 1	Fees (EUR)
Sample taking fee per hour	EUR 65.00/hour
Administration cost	EUR 55.00/once per assignment
Travel, Food & Accommodation fee	reimbursement of expenses
Shipping of sampling and analysis	as per outlay

- Referring to the **option 2**, the costs agreed in the individual certification offer (as per Service fee schedule) are applicable.
- The issuance of COI and, if necessary, a residue investigation, will **be charged independently** to Kiwa BCS client according to the Kiwa BCS current service fees.

Kind regards,
Kiwa BCS Öko-Garantie GmbH

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If you have any queries or general questions about the control procedures, we will be happy to help you during our office hours by telephone (+49 911 42439 - EXT) or all day by e-mail. All contact details can be found on our website, too: <https://www.kiwa.com/de/en/about-kiwa/subsidiaries/contact-persons-kiwa-bcs-oko-garantie-gmbh/>

Office hours (Central European Time)

Monday to Thursday: 9:00am to 16:00pm

Friday: 9:00am to 14:00pm

Request / creation of import control certificates (COI), transaction certificates (TC)



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