

Subject: Ethylene Oxide sampling method Dipasa

Statement 26-01-2021

In response to the current RASFF alerts on Ethylene Oxide present in sesame seed from India, Dipasa Europe B.V. has made the decision to disclose our sampling method, which is in accordance with the Dutch Health Authority guidelines.

Our sampling method in short:

- 1) an accredited laboratory will analyze sesame seed in origin
- 2) upon arrival Dipasa will perform an ethylene oxide analysis on all sesame seed, free of charge.
- 3) the Dutch health authorities will sample 50% of each sesame shipment upon arrival in Dutch harbors for pesticide analysis. If needed, this third analysis will be made available free of charge.

In this way we are trying to show you we take all necessary precautions.

Please note that Dipasa Europe B.V. will resolve all situations in accordance to the contractual agreements made by all parties involved.

*Dipasa Europe B.V. samples of 1,5% of the bags in every raw material container. The total sample is around 750g. From this sample we test app. 200g on purity, sensory and moisture parameters, the rest is kept as retention sample. At random (or at the request of our customer's due diligence) we send a portion of the retention sample to the lab for analysis to test for compliance against EC396/2005, EC1881/2006 and EC2073/2005.*

*We test the compliance to EC396/2005 according to a multi residue analysis, which encompassed around 500 residues. We also test compliance to EC1881/2006 and to microbiological legislation EC2073/2005, on the listed parameters applicable for oils seeds. For the control frequency, our procedure dictates the use of Dutch Info blad 64 for testing on contaminants:*

*<https://english.nvwa.nl/documents/consumers/food/safety/documents/information-sheet-64-food-safety-quarantees-food-chain-regarding-the-hazards-of-raw-materials>*