

Subject: Ethylene Oxide (ETO) sampling method Dipasa

Statement 06-04-2022

After an internal investigation of over 600 ETO analyses on sesame seeds from South America and Africa over the last 18 months, we concluded that an adjustment of our sampling method is justified. We have found no positive ETO findings on sesame seeds from South America or Africa. In these past 18 months.

As per April 2022 we will discontinue to provide a third ETO analysis initiated by Dipasa Europe at arrival in the port of Rotterdam. However, Dipasa Europe will still follow the guidelines of the Dutch Health Authorities and therefore as per Dutch information sheet 64.

Our current (random) sampling method is in accordance with the Dutch Health Authority guidelines:

- 1) an accredited laboratory will analyze the parcel sesame seed in origin, which analysis we can provide free of charge.
- 2) the Dutch Health Authorities will sample 50% of each sesame shipment upon arrival in Dutch harbors for analysis on ETO. If needed, this analysis will be presented to you free of charge.
- 3) upon request we can test sesame seeds on ETO at cost price from our warehouses in the Netherlands.

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

*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-guarantees-food-chain-regarding-the-hazards-of-raw-materials>