

Subject: Ethylene Oxide(ETO) sampling method Dipasa

Statement 18-12-2023

After an internal investigation of over 1500 ETO analyses on sesame seeds from South America and Africa over the last 26 months, we concluded that an adjustment of our sampling method is justified. During this period we have found no positive ETO findings on sesame seeds from South America or Africa.

As per January 2024 we will discontinue to provide free third party ETO analysis initiated by Dipasa Europe. However, Dipasa Europe will still continue to monitor internally, following the guidelines of the Dutch Health Authorities (Dutch information sheet 64).

In addition the Dutch Health Authorities will randomly sample shipment upon arrival in Dutch harbors for analysis on E TO If needed. This analysis will be presented to you free of charge. Upon request we can test sesame seeds batches on ETO at ISO17025 certified laboratory partners at cost.



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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, EC915/2023 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 EC915/2023 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>