

Competent Authority response to the report recommendations received 01 May 2015

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N°	Recommendation	Action Proposed by the Competent Authority	Date	Responsible
1	<p>Ensure the reliability of the authorisation system, for example, but not exclusively, by</p> <p>a), strengthening and expanding the checks on the data accompanying the application,</p> <p>b), further developing a single, accurate, reliable, regularly updated and publicly available source of all relevant data pertaining to pesticide use, to add, inter alia, details on authorised uses, application rates, timing of application, pre-harvest intervals (PHIs) and any risk mitigation measures to be applied, all to provide a guarantee that produce intended for export to the EU meets the requirements laid down in Article 11 of Regulation (EC) 178/2002 and Article 18 of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005.</p> <p><i>Conclusions upon which this recommendation is based: 29, 30, 34</i></p> <p><i>Associated findings upon which this recommendation is based: 10, 11,12, 13, 14, 15, 26, 27</i></p>	<p>1.1.1. Review and update the list of official use of pesticides allowed in food exports to the EU, indicating their MRL, authorized uses, application rates, timing of application, pre-harvest intervals and risk mitigation measures to be applied to ensure that food of agricultural origin exported to the EU meet the requirements laid down in Article 11 of Regulation (EC) 178/2002 and Article 18 of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005.</p> <p>1.1.2. Establish a systematic training program on proper use of pesticides technicians and inspectors who provide assistance and follow-up to the producers and exporters of agricultural products, including those exported to the EU.</p> <p>1.1.3. Apply Regulation 244-10 as regards the risk assessment for the authorization of pesticides.</p> <p>1.1.4. Develop an automatic pesticide database system of the Department of Plant Health (DSV) available to the public.</p> <p>1.1.5. Establishment of the monitoring program quality control of pesticide formulations.</p>	<p>December 2015</p> <p>December 2015</p> <p>January 2016</p> <p>June 2016</p> <p>June 2016</p>	<p>DSV (Sub-address of record) / Food Safety Department (DIA) (Division of Quality and Risk Assessment), DINFOFEX</p> <p>Extension Department / DSV / DINFOFEX / DIA</p> <p>DIA / DSV</p> <p>DSV (Register Direction) and Project Implementation Office OEP</p> <p>DSV (Sub-address register) and LAVECEN</p>

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		1.1.6. Establish the inspection program based on risk to producers and packhouses, including those exporting to the EU, based on the provisions of Regulation 52-08 of Good Agricultural and Livestock Practices	June 2015	DIA / Health and Safety Program / DSV / DINVOFEX
2	Ensure that regular and systematic pre-export official and/or mandatory private sampling and pesticide residue analysis is carried out in laboratories accredited to ISO 17025, or equivalent, to provide a guarantee that the exported produce meets the requirements laid down in Article 11 of Regulation (EC) 178/2002 and Article 18 of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005. The analytical scope should include the pesticides commonly used and identified in EU RASFF notifications. <i>Conclusions upon which this recommendation is based: 62, 63, 67</i> <i>Associated findings upon which this recommendation is based: 35, 38, 45, 46, 49, 50, 52, 54, 55, 56, 57, 66</i>	2.1.1. Establishment of a monitoring program for pesticide residues based on risk, including foods of agricultural origin exported to the EU. 2.1.2. Issue resolution establishing the monitoring program of pesticide residues systematically. 2.1.3. LAVECEN and ISA accreditation in ISO 17025 and ISO 9001 standards 2.1.4. Acquisition liquid chromatograph LC-MS / MS.	2015 2015 2017 July 2016	DIA DIA LAVECEN / OEP (Health and Safety Program) DIA / LAVECEN / OEP (Health and Safety Program)

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		2.1.5. Validation of methods of organochlorine and organophosphorus.	2016	LAVECEN / ISA
		2.1.6. International inter-laboratory round	December 2016	LAVECEN / ISA