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1	Consider following the requirements of point 33 of the Code of practice of the Codex Alimentarius for the prevention and reduction of aflatoxin contamination in tree nuts (CAC/RCP 59-2005) regarding traceability.	
2	Ensure that hazelnut consignments intended for export to the EU are sampled following the requirements at least equivalent to Commission Regulation (EC) No 401/2006.	
3	Ensure that laboratories performing official controls are accredited under official recognised programs (ISO 17025) to ensure that adequate quality controls are in place to provide for the reliability of test results (point 41 of CAC/GL 26-1997 and point 3 of CAC/GL 27-1997).	
4	Ensure that laboratories performing official controls are participating in proficiency testing schemes for food analysis to ensure that adequate quality controls are in place to provide for the reliability of test results (point 41 of CAC/GL 26-1997 and point 3 of CAC/GL 27-1997).	
5	Ensure that laboratories performing official controls use methods of analysis which have been validated according to the principles	

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	laid down by the Codex Alimentarius Commission to ensure that adequate quality controls are in place to provide for the reliability of test results (point 41 of CAC/GL 26-1997 and point 3 of CAC/GL 27-1997).	
6	Ensure that laboratory performance criteria for aflatoxin analysis follow the requirements at least equivalent to point 4.3.1 of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 401/2006.	
7	Ensure that there is a standard approach to the reporting of analytical results in relation to the rate of recovery and the expanded measurement of uncertainty, to ensure clear interpretation of results and to provide equivalence with the provision of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 401/2006.	
8	Consider that laboratories designated for the analysis of aflatoxins in hazelnuts to be exported to the EU have the necessary equipment for grinding samples taken from large consignments to achieve complete homogenisation (Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 401/2006).	
9	Ensure that hazelnuts consignments intended for export to the EU are analysed for both aflatoxin B1 and total aflatoxin (Regulation	

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	(EC) No 1881/2006) and comply with the maximum levels laid down in the above Regulation.	