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Dear Entrepreneur,

For our producers producing within the scope of EU regulations in the 2023 production season, the obligations regarding additional control measures and analyzes for products in the risky product category, which the European Union has included Turkey in 2021, continue. While hazelnut and pomegranate were added to the risky product category for 2023, raisins and thyme, which were on the list before, were removed from the list. Some general main points to be considered are given below, and they are important in order not to give rise to misapplications that negatively affect the control and certification processes in organic agriculture.

**In the EU organic certification, the following points should be considered in the 2023 production season :**

- As it is known, the European Union included Turkey in the risky countries group in certain product groups with a notification it published on December 2 , 2020 . The risky product groups in Turkey have been updated with the latest Ref.Ares (2022) letter, numbered 8813552 and dated 19/12/2022.
- cover the manufacturers producing within the scope of the countries and products in the table below :

Country	Product	CN codes	Sample Percentage
bolivia	Quinoa / Quinoa	1008 50 00	10%
china	Buckwheat / Buckwheat	1008 one thousand 1104 29 17	10%
china	Ginger / <i>Ginger</i>	0910 11 00 2006 00 10	10%
china	Pumpkin (Seeds) / Pumpkin kernel	0709 93 90 1207 99 96 1212 99 95	10%
china	Strain (Bean, cakes, food, expeller, Etc ) / Soybean	2304 00 00	10%
china	tea (Different) / Tea	0902 20 00 0902 40 00	20%



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Ecuador	Bananas / Bananas	0803 90 10	10%
Ecuador	Cocoa Beans/ <i>Cocoa kernel</i>	1801 00 00 1803 one thousand	10%
india	moringa (Powder, Tablets) /Moringa	0910 99 99 1211 90 86 1212 99 95	10%
india	psyllium (Husks)	1211 90 86	10%
india	Strain Bean, ( Cakes, food, expeller, Etc )/ Soybean ( meal etc.)	2304 00 00	10%
india	tea (Different) / Tea	0902 10 00 0902 30 00 0902 40 00	10%
india	Turmeric / Curcuma / Turmeric	0910 30 00 1302 19 70	20%
Kazakhstan	Strain Bean, ( Cakes, food, expeller, Etc )/ Soybean ( meal etc.)	1201 90 00 2304 00 00	10%
Mexico City	/ Avocado	0804 40 00	10%
Moldovan, Republic Ugh	Corn _	1005 90 00	10%
Paraguay	chia Seeds / Chia	1207 99 96	10%
Peru	Bananas / <i>Bananas</i>	0803 90 10	10%
Peru	Cocoa Beans/ <i>Cocoa kernel</i>	1801 00 00 1803 one thousand 1804 00 00 1805 00 00	10%
Peru	Ginger / <i>Ginger</i>	0910 11 00	10%
Peru	Quinoa / Quinoa	1008 50 00 1104 29 89	10%
sierra Leone	Cocoa Beans/ <i>Cocoa kernel</i>	1801 00 00	10%
Tunisia	Dates/ Dates	0804 one thousand	10%



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Turkey	Wheat Condition/ <i>Pasta Wheat</i>	1001 19 00	10%
Turkey	Hazelnuts / Hazelnuts	0802 22 00 2007 99 97	10%
Turkey	/ <i>Lentils</i>	0713 40 00	10%
Turkey	Pomegranate / Pomegranate	0810 90 75 0811 90 95 2009 89 79 2009 89 99	20%
Turkey	Sesame Seeds / <i>Sesame seed</i>	1207 40 90	10%
Turkey	Strawberries (Fresh, frozen, Etc ) / Strawberry ( Fresh , Frozen )	0811 10 90	10%
United Kingdom	Turmeric / Curcuma / Turmeric	0910 30 00 2106 90 92	10%

➤ Within the scope of the relevant letter, additional measures will cover all producers, regardless of the risk category of the entrepreneurs.

- 1- At least 2 on-site inspections/controls will be carried out during the production season, one of which will be without prior notice.
- 2- For a farm that is applied for certification for the first time, there is an inspection obligation before planting the product in that parcel in order to certify that year's product.
- 3- At least one field product sample will be taken from each producer. For entrepreneurs who process and store products, samples will be taken from incoming raw materials, intermediate products or processed products. Therefore, the number of analyzes will increase.
- 4- Each operator should have detailed documents ready for review at any time to ensure product flows and traceability. It will create a transparent flow chart that clearly shows both the flow of goods and the financial flow within the process approach. These documents should allow in-depth analysis of the accounting and financial documents of each entrepreneur/operator during the audits to be carried out by our organization. It should also be allowed to verify quantities harvested and/or prepared, means of storage and transport of goods, including possible application of substances not permitted at these stages. These financial and commodity flow controls are done regardless of whether the product is sold and/or exported.
- 5- in 2023, *additional sampling will be made at the percentages specified in the table :*
- 6- Especially for the manufacturers who plan to export, the processes related to the shipment (export) of the product will not be started before the physical control processes and analysis processes for the product to be exported are completed, the representative sample result is obtained and the export certificate (COI) is issued.
- 7- ORSER will save analysis reports and all other documents required for export to the TRACES system.



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- 8- A systematic document check will be carried out for economic operators requesting a COI. These controls are at least;
  - Traceability of products and their components
  - Verify that the volume of products included in the shipment complies with the operator's mass balance controls.
  - It will contain the relevant transport documents and commercial documents of the products.
- 9- In order for the process to be carried out in a healthy way, the production information of 2023 must be transmitted to our organization completely and accurately. In this context, updating the internal control processes of the producers, operating the QMS system more effectively, and strengthening the producer trainings by taking into account the risk situation will minimize the negative effects that may occur in this process.
- 10- As ORSER, after all these conditions are met, we will issue the certificate (COI) before the product leaves the country.
- 11- If the economic operator changes the control company during this process, it is reviewed whether the previous control company has taken the specified actions and must effectively ensure that everything is done.

- You can find more details in the relevant European Commission instruction attached. Our Institution will not accept responsibility for the grievances that may arise from your failure to take the measures based on the relevant instruction.
- On the other hand, as ORSER, we continue our efforts to adapt to the requirements of the legislation numbered 848/2018 and to complete our accreditation in this process. Applications within the scope of EU organic agriculture legislation numbered 848/2018, the details of which we have announced to you with our previous newsletters, have started to be received by our organization. All manufacturers are required to improve their infrastructure in order to fulfill the requirements of the legislation numbered 848/2018.

Best regards.

Annex: EU risk countries instruction

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