



13 April 2021

Dear Supplier,

As you are aware there have been several EU RASFF alerts concerning sesame seed being contaminated with an unauthorised substance 'ethylene oxide' (ETO).

Ecotone (formally known as Wessanen) has already been in contact with its suppliers asking if the products supplied to Ecotone were affected by this issue and action has been taken where necessary.

Ecotone has now been made aware that there are a number of additional raw materials that may be potentially affected by the same issue as sesame. It is also understood that it is common practice in certain parts of the world to fumigate containers at ports prior to shipping. It is therefore critical that suppliers of organic products ensure the integrity of the organic supply chain.

Ecotone has therefore, carried out a review and according to its own risk assessment the following raw materials are also deemed to be at ETO risk (see below); however, it has to be noted that the list is not exhaustive and therefore suppliers are asked to highlight any emerging risk to Ecotone.

Raw materials at ETO Risk: **Pepper, Thyme, Parsley, Amaranth, Nuts, Seeds, Rice, Turmeric, Psyllium, Ginger, Chillies, Tea, Okra, Shallot, Dried mushrooms, Dried vegetables, Guar Gum, Spices, Lecithin.**

Ecotone is asking for assurance that the products that you supply to us are not affected by this issue and we ask you to perform testing to prove compliance to applicable EU regulations of any new raw material consignment that will be used in the manufacture of our products.

We hold all our suppliers responsible for the safety and integrity of the products made on our behalf; we therefore consider our supplier liable in case of issues being identified.

We also trust that you will be upholding the highest food safety and quality standards; Ecotone would appreciate if you were to return the signed statement by the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2021.

If however, we do not hear back from you by the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2021, we will consider that this is confirmation that all is compliant.

Thank you very much for continuing to maintain the quality of the products you supply to us.

We thank you in advance for your co-operation with this important matter.

Yours Sincerely

Cristina Ramsay  
European Quality Director

08 April 2021

Supplier Food Safety and Quality Declaration:

I, hereby confirm that we are upholding the highest standards as per requirements set out in the Ecotone contract, as outlined below.

*Supplier warrants that:*

*(i) The goods fully comply with technical specifications set out in the Agreement, including Ecotone's Product Quality Booklet, and any further specifications stipulated by Ecotone or, if no agreements have been concluded in that regard, the requirements that are customary for the trading of the goods and in accordance with the applicable national or international standards such as the Good Manufacturing Practice principles;*

*[...]*

*(v) It has and maintains all externally audited accreditation, including a QMS accreditation which includes (but is not limited to) HACCP principles, and all other certifications required by Ecotone;*

*(vi) The goods that are ordered by Ecotone as an organic product fully comply with all European and national legislation on the production and labelling of organic goods;*

*(vii) The goods are manufactured without using any genetically modified organisms and that under the applicable legislation, no obligations arise to refer to the use of genetically modified organisms in the labelling of the goods;*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_