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## Release of residue case

Dear Mrs. Hönger

We would like to comment on the case of chlormequat (0.032 mg/kg) in oatmeal (Bio Knospe CH, Lot: 149896, Art. Nr. 200527) from Switzerland.

### 1. Case distinction

- a. Distinction according to SR 910.181 EAER Ordinance on organic farming and the "Instruction on the procedure for residues in the organic-sector". chlormequat is not allowed in organic farming.  
(see instructions on the procedure for organic residues)  
**The intervention value of 0.01 mg/kg is exceeded.**
- b. Differentiation according to the SR 817.021.23 EDI regulation on maximum levels of pesticide residue in or on product of plant and animal origin (VPRH).

The product (oats) falls within the scope of the above-mentioned regulation. (Annex I)

The substance chlormequat is a listed active substance according to the regulation.

**The maximum residue level (MRL) of 5 mg/kg is not exceeded.**

## 2. Case division according to instructions

On 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 2019 bio.inspecta AG was informed by "bio-familia AG" about a chlormequat residue of 0.14 mg/kg in the product "oaty pillows" (article nr. 202934, batch: 297167; quantity: 1388 kg). The oaty pillows were produced with oatmeal from the supplier Meyerhans Mühlen AG. The cause analysis of bio-familia AG revealed that the oatmeal was pre-contaminated with 0.032 mg/kg of chlormequat.

ProCert AG, the responsible certification body of Meyerhans Mühlen AG, was informed by bio.inspecta AG about the residue on 29<sup>th</sup> of April 2019 and was requested to provide further proof.

ProCert AG reported bio.inspecta AG on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 that the case is classified as 4A and that it is not determinable where the contamination originated from. Preventative measures to prevent such cases at Meyerhans Mühlen AG have already been taken and have been implemented at the supplier's.

According to our assessment of the instruction on the procedure for residues in the organic sector of November 20, 2015, the case is classified as **case 4A**.

We support this assessment of the responsible certification body ProCert AG of the supplier Meyerhans Mühlen AG from the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019.

The cause could not be determined, the self-control at bio-familia AG was adhered to.

In our view the products "BJr Bio Zimt Kissen" (article nr. 205308, batch 355159, BB 07.04.2020) and the oatmeal (article nr. 200527, batch 149896) retain their organic status on the stage of our customer.

Kind regards

**bio.inspecta AG**



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