

EU Alert report

1. Alert origin & status

Reference EULA-56/2024
 Status CONFIRMED
 Version 1
 Alerting Country: Germany
 Competent Authority: BLE

2. Alerted Countries

Country	Competent Authority	Coordinator?	Scope
Austria	VORARLBERG	No	Regional
Austria	BAES	No	National
Austria	BAVG	No	National
Austria	BMSGPK	No	National
Austria	KÄRNTEN	No	National
Austria	BURGENLAND	No	Regional
Austria	NIEDERÖSTERREICH	No	Regional
Austria	TIROL	No	Regional
Austria	WIEN	No	Regional
Austria	VORARLBERG	No	Regional
Austria	WIEN	No	Regional
Austria	OBERÖSTERREICH	No	Regional
Austria	KÄRNTEN	No	Regional
Austria	OBERÖSTERREICH	No	Regional
Austria	SALZBURG	No	Regional
Austria	STEIERMARK	No	Regional
Austria	DEFRA	No	National

3. Irregularity, infringement, fraud, other issue and suspicion thereof (hereinafter "irregularity")

Title: Fake Certificate
 Description: Suspicion of Fraud: Fake Organic Certificate
 Seriousness assessment: serious
 Actors already informed: Federal State Authority NRW, BLE, CB GfRS

Detection Context

Date: 09/05/2024
 Place: Kunua! Handelsgesellschaft mbH & Co. KG
 Person/body detecting the irregularity:
 EU legislation at stake (reference(s)):

4. Product traceability**Description**

Name: organic quinoa tricolor

Brand / trade name:

Other aspects:

ConsignmentConsignment / lot / delivery
number:

Country of origin: Cameroon

Total net / gross weight, volume: 28.000 kg

Other information: According to the importer Kunua! Handelsgesellschaft mbH & Co. KG organic quinoa was purchased from Ericam International in Cameroon and is to be received and packed by Hedo Dokkum B.V. in the Netherlands certified by Skal.

Supply chain – description of operators

Name	Type	Contact Details	Control body/authority (with contact details)
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5. Measures taken

No action yet

Reason:

6. Other information

A suspicion of fraud was raised concerning the organic certificate provided from the supplier/ exporter Ericam International. As „Bio" marketed quinoa from Ericam International is currently being shipped from Cameroon to Rotterdam (Netherlands). The date of arrival is unknown. Hedo Dokkum B.V. is planned as the first consignee and packer of the goods. However, the organic certificate from Hedo Dokkum B.V. that was provided does not include first consignment and the operation is not to be found in traces nt. Except of the purchase contract and the fake certificate, no further documents were provided. The goods supposedly left Cameroon mid-august. The supplier/ exporter has not sent any import documents and has been unresponsive.

7. Files

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