Requirements for the import of organic products from Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Moldova, the Russian Federation and China

Context

The European Commission has decided to maintain **enhanced controls** regarding some high-risk ORGANIC products[1] imported from **Ukraine, Kazakhstan and the Russian Federation** and has added **Moldova** and **China**. **Importers** must keep their regulatory authority informed of all batches of organic products which are imported from these countries in order to know the procedure to follow during import. **The regulatory authorities** of the importers and/or first recipients are required to check the compliance of the relevant products by performing a **document verification** and **sampling followed by an analysis** before being placed on the European market.

The guidelines are **available** from our **website** (www.certisys.eu > Regulations > Official regulations):

1. Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Russia
2. China

Working method

1. If you are an **importer**[2] and you want to place products on the list from the countries mentioned above on the European market, you must:
   - ✓ **Send** a request for notification with a **copy of the IOC**, **signed** in Box 18, to controle@certisys.eu and the **Competent Authority** of the first recipient.
   - ⇨ Subject of **the e-mail**: Import + country of origin
   - ✓ Present the complete **traceability** of the relevant product/batch. In the **absence of traceability**, the inspector will not be able to take a sample.

2. **The inspector** will contact you **to schedule an appointment** to be quickly **on site** and verify the compliance of the batch/product. You must prepare the following documents for the on-site meeting:
   - ✓ Original version of the IOC
   - ✓ Single document (for the customs services)
   - ✓ Transport documents.

[1] CN codes: chapters 10, 11, 12 and 23 for all and goji berries for China only.
[2] If the importer is not supervised by Certisys, but the products are received by the first recipient who is under the supervision of Certisys, this working method will be applied for the first recipient.

3. The inspector goes **on site** and checks the consistency of the information given in your various presented documents.

4. The **inspector** will then take a **sample** of the product/batch. The inspector will note the **duration** of the beginning and the end of the sampling activity and have you sign for agreement.
   ⇨ **For as long as the test results are not known, the product/batch will remain blocked and cannot be sold on the European market with the ORGANIC reference.**

5. **Certisys** sends the sample as quickly as possible to an **accredited laboratory** that will perform the necessary analyses per product. The Quality department will inform you and the Competent Authority as soon as **the analysis results** are known. If the results are:
   ✓ **Negative**: **You** can **sell** the batch/product on the European market.
   ✓ **Positive**: with your assistance, the Quality department will be responsible for an investigation. **The batch/product remains blocked until the origin of the contamination is found.**

✓ Fees

CERTISYS will conduct these **additional** checks and analyses and this will be **invoiced** to you on the basis of our official fees schedule[3]. The **amount** is calculated on the basis of the following data: the duration of the on-the-spot inspection (traceability and sampling) and the administrative time (investigation), and the cost of the analysis.

IV. Additional inspections	
On site - min. 2 hours	€ 89/h[3]
Administrative	€ 59/h[3]
Additional analyses	Variable (lab invoice)

If you have any questions on this topic, please contact controle@certisys.eu

[3] *The amounts mentioned are for informational purposes only, based on the **2019 fee schedule***