



Aflatoxins and hazelnuts

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Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/915

- Regulation (EC) 1881/2006 has been already more than 45 times been amended
- [Commission Regulation \(EU\) 2023/915 of 25 April 2023 on maximum levels for certain contaminants in food and repealing Regulation \(EC\) No 1881/2006 includes all amendments](#)
- Harmonised terminology
- Footnotes in most cases replaced by comments in an additional comment box (similar format as provided for in the Codex General Standard for Contaminants and Toxins in food and Feed CXS 193-1995)

Commission Regulation (EU) 2023/915

No changes in maximum levels for aflatoxins in hazelnuts

Hazelnuts to be subjected to sorting or other physical treatment before placing on the market for the final consumer or use as ingredient in food

Aflatoxin B1: 8,0 µg/kg

Aflatoxin total: 15,0 µg/kg

Hazelnuts placed on the market for the final consumer or use as ingredient in food

Aflatoxin B1: 5,0 µg/kg

Aflatoxin total: 10,0 µg/kg

Aflatoxins in Hazelnuts from Turkey

Findings of non-compliance

RASFF notifications

2015: 28	2016: 33	2017: 35	2018: 40
2019: 8	2020: 7	2021: 4	2022: 1
2023: 0	2024: 1		

Frequency of non-compliance

2019 (S2) : 2,2 %	2020 (S1): 1,6 %
2020 (S2): 0,0 %	2021 (S1): 0,7 %
2021 (S2): 0,3 %	

Aflatoxins in Hazelnuts from Turkey

Evolution of measures

Measures in place since 2002: requirement for certification and varying control frequency (5% - 10 %) at import

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 : Annex II: requirement for certification and 5% control frequency at import

Since 14 April 2021 (Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/608 of 14 April 2021) : Annex I no requirement for certification, only 5 % control frequency at import (3rd review of 2019/1793).

Since 2022 (Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/2246 of 15 December 2021) – hazelnuts from Turkey delisted

Aflatoxins in Hazelnuts from Azerbaijan

Findings of non-compliance

RASFF notifications

2015: 1 2016: 6 2017: 17 2018: 17
2019: 10 2020: 1 2021: 7 2022: 10
2023: 2 2024: 0

Frequency of non-compliance

2019 (S2): 12,2 % 2020 (S1): 0,0 %
2020 (S2): 0,0 % 2021 (S1): 0,0 %
2021 (S2): 5,0 % 2022 (S1): 12,8 %
2022 (S2): 13,0 % 2023 (S1): 1,7 %
2023 (S2): 0 % 2024 (S1): 0 %

Aflatoxins in Hazelnuts from Azerbaijan

Evolution of measures

Measures in place since 2017: requirement for certification and 20% control frequency at import

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 – Annex II: requirement for certification and 20% control frequency at import

Since 2022 (Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/2246 of 15 December 2021) hazelnuts from Azerbaijan moved from Annex II to Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 (frequency of controls at import maintained at 20 %)

Still at 20 % control frequency at import

Aflatoxins in Hazelnuts from Georgia

Findings of non-compliance

RASFF notifications

2015: 3	2016: 9	2017: 7	2018: 8
2019: 18	2020: 9	2021: 33	2022: 8
2023: 7	2024: 5		

Frequency of non-compliance

2016 (S2): 5,1 %	2017 (S1): 2 %	2017 (S2): 6,5 %
2018 (S1): 10,6 %	2018 (S2): 9,3 %	2019 (S1): 14,3 %
2019 (S2): 12,2 %	2020 (S1): 3,6 %	2020 (S2): 1,8 %
2021 (S1): 5,0 %	2021 (S2): 10,2 %	2022 (S1): 4,8 %
2022 (S2): 3,6 %	2023 (S1): 4,0 %	2023 (S2): 2.7 %
2024 (S1): 5.6 %		

Aflatoxins in Hazelnuts from Georgia

Evolution of measures

Measures in place since July 2016: 50% control frequency at import

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 – Annex I: 50% control frequency at import

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1900 of 27 October 2021 : Annex I – frequency of controls decreased to 20 %

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/913 of 30 May 2022 : Annex I – frequency of controls increased to 30 %

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/1662 of 11 June 2024 : Annex I – frequency of controls decreased to 20 %

Thank you



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