Wheat from Canada & Almonds from USA



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Importing wheat/flour from Canada and almonds from the US to Iceland (EEA/EU)

The European Commission has agreed that control of fungicides (Mycotoxin) in wheat from Canada and almonds from the United States may be carried out in the exporting country, before being imported to the European Union (pre-export check).

This is stated in CID (EU) no. 2015/949 (as amended) on the approval of certain third country controls for the export of certain foodstuffs with regard to the presence of a specific fungal toxin (see Annex I).

This applies to the following analyses::

• Wheat from Canada: Ochratoxin A

• Almonds from the USA: Aflatoxin

The mycotoxins must not be detected above the maximum permitted levels.

If the above analyses are carried out before the products are dispatched, import controls in the receiving country will be simpler and the frequency of inspections at the border post will be <1% instead of 20%. The importer in Iceland must notify MAST of the planned importation via the MAST Service Portal (http://umsokn.mast.is) using notification form no. 4.32.

- The following documents must accompany the notification
 - Analysis Certificates (diagnostic results)
 - Official health certificates (see Annex II)
 - Detailed invoice
- All units in the consignment must be marked with a batch no. and traceable to analysis certificate.

Note that peanuts from the United States have recently been removed from the list in Annex I to Regulation no. 2017/1269 (No. 800/2017). Peanuts from US are now specified in regulation <u>EU no. 2019/1793</u> on Products subject to increased supervision and on emergency measures. Therefore, peanuts must be reported in Traces with CHED.