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Test Report

Your order	PO 2026-QA-0389 · Northwind lot release testing	Report date	21 July 2026
Sample description	Dried apricots, whole, pitted, 12.5 kg carton	Sample no.	26-041872-001
Lot / batch no.	DA-0713-26	Country of origin	Türkiye (Malatya)
Sampling	By customer · 9 July 2026 · Rotterdam warehouse, 3 × 500 g composite	Sample received	10 July 2026
Analysis period	10 July 2026 – 20 July 2026	Condition on receipt	Sealed, ambient, intact

Parameter	Method	LOQ	Unit	Result	Limit ¹⁾	Assessment
Microbiology						
Salmonella spp. (in 25 g)	ISO 6579-1:2017	—	/25 g	not detected	absent	Compliant
Listeria monocytogenes (in 25 g)	ISO 11290-1:2017	—	/25 g	not detected	absent	Compliant
Escherichia coli	ISO 16649-2:2001	10	CFU/g	< 10	100	Compliant
Enterobacteriaceae	ISO 21528-2:2017	10	CFU/g	40	1,000	Compliant
Yeasts	ISO 21527-2:2008	100	CFU/g	1,200	10,000	Compliant
Moulds	ISO 21527-2:2008	100	CFU/g	300	10,000	Compliant
Contaminants — heavy metals (ICP-MS) and mycotoxins (LC-MS/MS)						
Lead (Pb)	EN 15763:2009	0.010	mg/kg	0.021	0.10	Compliant
Cadmium (Cd)	EN 15763:2009	0.005	mg/kg	< 0.005	0.050	Compliant
Arsenic, total (As)	EN 15763:2009	0.010	mg/kg	< 0.010	—	No limit
Aflatoxin B1	HAL-M-214 (LC-MS/MS)	0.2	µg/kg	< 0.2	2.0	Compliant
Aflatoxins, sum B1+B2+G1+G2	HAL-M-214 (LC-MS/MS)	0.4	µg/kg	< 0.4	4.0	Compliant
Ochratoxin A	HAL-M-214 (LC-MS/MS)	0.5	µg/kg	1.8	10.0	Compliant

¹⁾ Limits: Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005 and customer specification NW-SPEC-DF-04 (microbiology); Regulation (EU) 2023/915 (contaminants); Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 MRLs for apricots with the drying factor 3.5 applied where indicated (pesticides); Regulation (EC) No 1333/2008 (additives). The assessment is a numerical comparison of the result with the limit; measurement uncertainty is not applied.

"< x" = below the limit of quantification (LOQ) stated. Results refer to the sample as received. Methods marked HAL-M are in-house methods validated in accordance with ISO/IEC 17025.

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Pesticide residues — multiresidue screen, 612 compounds (LC-MS/MS and GC-MS/MS); compounds above LOQ are listed						
Boscalid	EN 15662:2018 (QuEChERS)	0.010	mg/kg	0.34	17.5 ²⁾	Compliant
Pyraclostrobin	EN 15662:2018 (QuEChERS)	0.010	mg/kg	0.058	3.5 ²⁾	Compliant
Tebuconazole	EN 15662:2018 (QuEChERS)	0.010	mg/kg	0.12	2.1 ²⁾	Compliant
Chlorpyrifos	EN 15662:2018 (QuEChERS)	0.005	mg/kg	< 0.005	0.01	Compliant
Ethylene oxide (sum of ethylene oxide and 2-chloroethanol, expressed as ethylene oxide)	HAL-M-330 (GC-MS/MS)	0.010	mg/kg	0.16	0.10	Exceeds limit
Other compounds of the screen	EN 15662:2018	0.010	mg/kg	< 0.010	—	Compliant
Additives and quality parameters						
Sulphur dioxide (SO ₂), total	Monier-Williams, AOAC 990.28	10	mg/kg	1,460	2,000	Compliant
Moisture	HAL-M-101 (gravimetric, 70 °C)	0.1	g/100 g	22.4	25.0	Compliant
Water activity (a _w)	ISO 18787:2017	0.01	—	0.62	0.65	Compliant

²⁾ MRL for apricots (Regulation (EC) No 396/2005) multiplied by the drying factor 3.5 for dried apricots, as agreed in the customer specification.

Overall assessment: NON-COMPLIANT.

Of the 22 parameters tested, 21 comply with the applicable limits. The sum of ethylene oxide and 2-chloroethanol (0.16 mg/kg) exceeds the maximum residue level of 0.10 mg/kg laid down in Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 for dried fruit. All other results comply. The customer is advised to place lot DA-0713-26 on hold and to consider a notification under Article 19 of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002.

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