

**To whom it may concern**  
**STATEMENT ETHYLENE OXIDE IN SESAME SEED**

Banketbakkerij Merba B.V., Wilhelminakanaal Noord 2, 4902 VR Oosterhout, The Netherlands, herewith declares the following:

We have been informed by our supplier, that the sesame seeds used in our granola products: hazelnut, blueberry and cocos chocolate, exceed the MRL for ethylene oxide (ETO). Laboratory analyses show that in below batches of sesame seeds, exceedance of Ethylene oxide (ETO) was found.

It concerns the following batches of sesame:

batch number	analysis ETO	supplier
JS.A.09952SH.01H	1,9 mg/kg	Shyam Industries, 402/403 Phase 4, GIDC, Naroda, Ahmedabad, Gujarat INDIA
HS.A.09867T.03	>5,0 mg/kg	Talakshi Lalji & Co.; s.r. NO132 P NEAR MADHAV CERAMIC, AT. TARAGADHI INDIA
HS.A.09987A.01H	2,3 mg/kg	ACCURA ENTERPRISES PVT LTD, Village Karai, Dist. Gandhinagar 382355, INDIA
HS.A.09992A.02H	2,4 mg/kg	ACCURA ENTERPRISES PVT LTD, Village Karai, Dist. Gandhinagar 382355, INDIA

These were processed in various types of granola bites, in various packagings between 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020 and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

Calculations and an incidental analysis on the finished product also show too high levels of ETO. Levels were found between 0,074 and 0,20 mg/kg.

Please see separate appendix for the batches of your product that are involved.

All granola bites produced after 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 are confirmed to be within legal limits. We will resume production within the following weeks, with sesame from different origins.

Kind regards,  
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