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Skal > **BIO CONTROLE**
TO ALL CUSTOMERS OF
B.V. Graanhandel P. van Schelven

Ref. no. **reference**

Zwolle, 24 March 2020

Re.: Withdrawal of certificate from B.V. Graanhandel P. van Schelven (Skal 001080) and decertification of products

Dear Sir, Dear Madam,

With effect from 24 March 2020, Skal Biocontrole has withdrawn the certificate from B.V. Graanhandel P. van Schelven (hereinafter referred to as 'Van Schelven', Skal number 001080). Organic stocks held by Van Schelven have also been decertified as well as some batches of sunflower seeds and maize (insofar as these have already been traded). Further information on the latter will be provided by Van Schelven separately. If you are unsure as to whether products already supplied to you are affected by the decertification, please contact Van Schelven or Skal.

What does this mean for you as a customer of Van Schelven?

Products supplied to you after 24 March 2020 are not organic. Products supplied to you before this date retain their organic status, with the exception of certain specific batches. As stated above, you will be informed separately if this affects batches you have already received.

Background to the decertification of B.V. Graanhandel P. van Schelven.

In 2018 and 2019, Skal removed the organic status of sunflower seeds imported to the Netherlands by Van Schelven on a number of vessels. Van Schelven subsequently imported a variety of other products, up to and including the first quarter of 2020. A number of these batches were not reported to Skal in accordance with regulations governing organic products (Article 84 of Regulation [EC] 889/2008 and the Ukraine Guidelines) but were nevertheless declared and/or released as organic and subsequently sold as organic.


In addition, the company also failed to provide notifications in accordance with Article 91(1) of Regulation (EC) 889/2008 even though residues were found in one batch and a Certificate of Import (Col) had been revoked.

Furthermore, investigations also showed that a decision made by Skal had not been followed up. The company sold the products from which Skal had removed organic status back to its supplier in the third country as organic.

On the basis of these circumstances and the fact that the company has not cooperated sufficiently with the supervision provided by Skal, Skal has concluded that the organic status of a large quantity of imported products cannot systematically be guaranteed, that the company has acted in violation of mandatory regulations, and that there is evidence of various critical deviations.

Based on Article 17.7 of the Skal regulations governing certification and supervision (Skal R-11), Skal has instructed Van Schelven to inform you, as its customer, of its decertification by sending this communication to you. If you would like to know more about the reasons for the decertification, you can request a copy of the decision of decertification from Van Schelven.

With kind regards,

in the absence of


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