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**Subject: Requirements for import of cocoa beans into the European Union via Port Koper, Slovenia**

At the request of consignor, **Impakta ENI d.o.o., Cesta v Gorice 34B, SI - 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia**, and for the purpose of importing food of plant origin into the European Union via Port Koper, the Administration of the Republic of Slovenia for Food Safety, Veterinary Sector and Plant Protection (AFSVSPP) hereby states the import requirements for import of cocoa beans (CN 1801) and products thereof.

- (1) Cocoa beans and products thereof, intended for food, are not subject of phytosanitary control at the border inspection post; only in case of import of cocoa plants (Malvaceae) a phytosanitary certificate is required to be issued in exporting country in line with the International Plant Protection Convention and the EU import legislation.<sup>1</sup>
- (2) Cocoa beans and products thereof, intended for food, have to comply with food safety and quality standards of the EU.<sup>2</sup> A registered food business operator bears responsibility to obtain specifications, certificates and/or laboratory analysis results to prove food safety.
- (3) The consignment has to be accompanied by regular commercial documents (invoice, packing list, bill of lading,...) and specific documents of origin and quality, if appropriate.
- (4) In case of organic product there have been additional requirements:<sup>3</sup>
  - a. For the purpose of equivalence, unprocessed plant products, or processed agricultural products for use as food or vegetative propagating material and seeds for cultivation has to be certified by control body, listed in Annex IV of EU Regulation 1235/2008.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.ippc.int/en/countries/slovenia/reportingobligation/2012/12/eu-legislation/>

<sup>2</sup> [http://ec.europa.eu/food/safety/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/food/safety/index_en.htm)

<sup>3</sup> Obtained from responsible official body for organic food: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food; Dunajska cesta 22; SI-1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia (+386 (0)1 478 90 68; E: [maja.zibert@gov.si](mailto:maja.zibert@gov.si) )

<sup>4</sup> Regulation 1235/2008/EU: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:02008R1235-20160407&qid=1463566949203&from=EN>

- b. For the export consignment the body from previous point a. has to issue a »Certificate of inspection for import of products from organic production into the EU« as determined in Annex V of EU Regulation 1235/2008.
- c. In addition to certificate in previous point b., a "Documentary evidence" is required for import of compliant organic products, issued in accordance with the model set out in Annex II to Regulation 1235/2008/EU.

In Slovenia, documentary checks from points (2), (3) and (4) are done by Customs' officers upon declaration of import by importer or his shipment agent. Random physical checks, including sampling and laboratory testing of the import consignments might be also applied.

Despite for import to the EU of cocoa beans and products thereof, intended for food, a phytosanitary certificate is not required to be issued in exporting country, a trading partners may require a phytosanitary certificate also to be issued to support later re-export certification to other countries outside the EU.

In line with IPPC international standard ISPM-12, phytosanitary certificates should be issued only for these purposes by the NPPO of the country of origin, certifying goods to be officially inspected and found practically free from pests.

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