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# CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

## ERM<sup>®</sup> - BC403

CUCUMBER		
Mass fraction		
	Certified value <sup>3)</sup> [mg/kg]	Uncertainty <sup>4)</sup> [mg/kg]
Acetamiprid <sup>1)</sup>	0.064	0.004
Azoxystrobin <sup>2)</sup>	0.639	0.030
Carbendazim <sup>1)</sup>	0.074	0.004
Chlorpyrifos	0.064	0.005
Cypermethrin	0.045	0.007
Diazinon	0.051	0.004
α-Endosulfan	0.031	0.006
Fenitrothion	0.054	0.007
Imazalil <sup>1)</sup>	0.044	0.004
Imidacloprid <sup>1)</sup>	0.627	0.026
Iprodione	0.57	0.05
Malathion <sup>2)</sup>	0.052	0.007
Methomyl <sup>1)</sup>	0.059	0.004
Tebuconazole <sup>2)</sup>	0.0611	0.0026
Thiabendazole <sup>1)</sup>	0.056	0.003

<sup>1)</sup> As determined by liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry.  
<sup>2)</sup> As determined by chromatography-mass spectrometry.  
<sup>3)</sup> Certified values are values that fulfil the highest standards of accuracy and represent the unweighted mean value of the means of accepted sets of data, each set being obtained in a different laboratory and/or with a different method of determination. The certified value and its uncertainty are traceable to the International System of units (SI).  
<sup>4)</sup> The uncertainty is the expanded uncertainty of the certified value with a coverage factor  $k = 2$  (for α-endosulfan  $k = 2.78$ ) corresponding to a level of confidence of about 95 % estimated in accordance with ISO/IEC Guide 98-3, Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement (GUM:1995), ISO, 2008.

This certificate is valid for one year after purchase.

Sales date:

The minimum amount of sample to be used is 2.5 g of the reconstituted material.

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## DESCRIPTION OF THE MATERIAL

The CRM is available in sets of two glass vials containing each approximately 3.2 g of dried cucumber.

## ANALYTICAL METHODS USED FOR CERTIFICATION

A variety of extraction and purification methods were used in combination with liquid and/or gas chromatography coupled to tandem mass spectrometry.

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## SAFETY INFORMATION

The ERM-BC403 is intended for laboratory use only. The usual laboratory safety measures apply.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE AND INTENDED USE

The material consists of two amber glass vials containing 3.2 g dried cucumber each.

To make one bottle ready for use, the material has to be reconstituted according to the following procedure:

Leave the vial to thaw at room temperature. Remove the cap and add 72.0 g deionised water to the vial. Record the mass of water added. Recap the vial and shake gently for 2 minutes on a horizontal shaker. The material is then ready to use. After reconstitution, the sample should be used within a period of 2 hours maximum.

Reconstituted subsamples are taken out from the bottle by pipette, weighted and internal standard added subsequently (if needed) before further sample treatment. The final mass fraction of the added (internal) standards sample should match the range of the calibration.

The main purpose of this material is to assess method performance, i.e. for checking accuracy of analytical results/calibration. As any reference material, it can be used for establishing control charts or performing validation studies.

### Use as a calibrant

It is not recommended to use this matrix material as calibrant. If used nevertheless, the uncertainty of the certified value shall be taken into account in the estimation of the measurement uncertainty.

## STORAGE

The material should be stored at  $-70 \pm 10$  °C in the dark.

However, the European Commission cannot be held responsible for changes that happen during storage of the material at the customer's premises, especially of opened samples.

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