

Re: AW: AW: Regarding GLOBALG.A.P's facilitation of food fraud, gravely incorrect certificates, supporting foreign occupation



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Dear GLOBALG.A.P.

We refer to earlier communication about certifications issued to Moroccan companies in occupied Western Sahara, and have a few further questions to the matter.

This time, it is regarding products that we have observed in shops of the EDEKA group in Germany. Today, you received a CC of a letter that we sent to EDEKA Zentrale regarding the incorrect labelling of a product in an EDEKA shop, found in Germany.

The letter to EDEKA can also be seen here on this link. https://vest-sahara.s3.amazonaws.com/wsrw/feature-images/File/2558/68b9c24267c0d_WSRW-Edeka_04.09.2025.pdf

WSRW has so far in August-September documented two cases of misleading country information on packages of mini plum tomatoes sold at EDEKA shops.

The products are described as being of Moroccan origin. It explains, furthermore, that the products are packed in Agadir, Morocco. Lastly, however, the GGN number on the two packages - 4063061817693 - illustrate that the products were made at the plantation of the Moroccan company Tawarta.

The production site is not in Morocco, but in Dakhla in Western Sahara.

As such, the product has incorrect country of origin information, and, hence, is not in line with the CJEU ruling of 4 October 2024 of case C-399/22. It is, naturally, EDEKA's responsibility to label its products correctly. However, it remains a concern that the GGN numbers printed on the products lead to certificates with similarly incorrect country information.

In this regard, we have the following questions:

- 1) Has GLOBALG.A.P informed retailers in Europe that GLOBALG.A.P. certificates relating to all the certified sites in occupied Western Sahara contain erroneous country of origin information?
- 2) Did GLOBALG.A.P. inform EDEKA that the certificate relating to GGN number 4063061817693 contain incorrect country information?
- 3) EDEKA requires a GRASP assessment for all production sites. Has GLOBALG.A.P. informed EDEKA that the standard GRASP control procedures have most likely not been applied on these farms, given that no national guidelines exist for Western Sahara, and that instead the guideline from neighbouring Morocco has been used?
- 4) How much revenue has your company earned to date in fees from Moroccan companies operating in the occupied territory under permits issued by the Moroccan government?
- 5) In relation to the exports of fishmeal from occupied Western Sahara into Turkey, and the importing company Skretting's reference to having GLOBALG.A.P. certifications, your company in June stated to WSRW that "GLOBALG.A.P. immediately started investigating the case after being made aware of it by WSRW". What exactly was the scope of these investigations? What was the result of these investigations?

As mentioned in email to your company on 3 September 2025, we welcome any further input, and will make sure your perspectives are reflected in our coverage.

We are tomorrow publishing an article regarding the wrongly labelled tomatoes and the incorrect Tawarta certificates on our website.

Sincerely,

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