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Risk of paraquat in soybeans (origin : Brazil)

According to several sources, high paraquat (herbicide) levels may be observed in Brazilian soybeans (> 0,03 mg/kg) and products derived therefore (e.g. cakes).

We recommend that companies pay particular attention to **all soy products originating from Brazil**. Brazilian soy seeds may also be processed within the European Union, attention must then be focused on the derivatives.

Paraquat is authorized within Brazil, but its use is forbidden within the European Union. In Europe, the Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) for soybeans is 0.02 ppm (cf. EU Pesticides database), whatever its use may be (food or feed). For crops or part of crops exclusively intended for animal feed (e.g. soya-bean hulls (Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 – Annex. I - category 12), at present no MRLs have been set.

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