

Laboratory approval by Bundesverband Naturkost Naturwaren (BNN) e.V.

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Introduction

A laboratory qualification for pesticide analyses of organic products has been developed in context of the BNN monitoring of fruit and vegetables, in order to ensure a uniform quality standard in respect of analytics and interpretation of pesticide residues. Analysis results can only be entered in the attributed database, if the examinations have been conducted by BNN-qualified labs. The success of this measure in fruit and vegetables monitoring has prompted the need for expansion of the lab approval to also include other product groups and, as applies, additional analysis parameters.

Lab requirements

See Guidelines on lab approval.

Process

The application for lab approval is sent to BNN (please use the "Application form BNN.pdf" for Module A1 Pesticides). The documents will be forwarded to Lach & Bruns Partnership – consulting chemists. Lach & Bruns will take on the processing in terms of contents and organization for the lab approval.

Lastly, a recommendation will be given to the Board of Directors of BNN. After a qualification is granted, the name of the lab will be published on www.bnn-monitoring.de and written notification will be sent to the lab.

Costs

See Fee Rules for lab approval. The costs for filing the application will also become due, if the application is rejected and a contract conclusion does not materialize.