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Sub: Advisory on Official Certificate for export of spices and spice products to the United Kingdom (U.K) & the European Union (EU)- reg

Spices Board has been informed by the Port Health authorities in the U.K about the frequent occurrences of mismatch in the Batch number/Lot number (Identification code) between the product packaging of consignments of spices and spice products exported to U.K. and the Official Certificate accompanying the consignments.

The common errors identified by Health authorities in the Official Certificates are given below.

- No batch number on the certificate/product packaging
- More than one batch number on the certificate
- Incorrect batch number on the certificate/product packaging
- Batch number on the certificate not matching with the batch number on the laboratory report

In this regard the following guidance notes are issued for mentioning the Batch number (Identification code) in the Official Certificates for export of spices and spice products to the United Kingdom (U.K) & the European Union (EU)

- The certificate must state the identification code of the consignment.
- There should be only one identification code per certificate.
- The identification code must match the code on the accompanying laboratory report.
- The identification code as stated on the certificate and laboratory report must appear on each individual bag or packaging form of the consignment.
- The identification code should be unique to the consignment imported.

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The Health authorities have cautioned that though they have accepted replacement certificates so far, whenever there was an error in the original Official Certificate, going forward they will reject the consignments without proper certificates.

In this regard, all the exporters of spices and spice products to U.K & the European Union (EU) are hereby advised to comply with the guidance notes given above and to explicitly mention the identification code (batch no./Lot no.) in each individual bag or packaging form of the consignment. Also the exporters, while applying for and on receipt of the official certificate, shall ensure that there is no mismatch in the identification code between the packaging form and the document.

Further, all the offices of the Board issuing Official Certificates for export to the United Kingdom (U.K) as well as to the European Union (EU), are hereby directed to take utmost care while issuing the Official Certificates. The offices shall provide necessary guidance and ensure that the above mentioned points, as applicable, are complied by the exporters of spices and spice products.



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To,

All Exporters of Spices and Spice Products

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