



## SPICES BOARD

(Ministry of Commerce & Industry Govt. of India)  
Sugandha Bhavan  
N.H.By-pass  
P.B.No. 2277  
Palarivattom P.O.  
Kochi - 682 025, India

## स्पाइसेस बोर्ड

(वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार)  
सुगन्ध भवन  
एन.एच.बाईपास  
पी. बी. नं. 2277  
पालारिवट्टम पी.ओ.  
कोच्ची - 682 025, भारत

Circular No: 19/2022-23

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2022

### Circular

Sub: Mandatory Sampling & Testing of export consignments of Spices & Spice products under the Quality Evaluation System of Spices Board-reg

- Ref: 1) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/913 of 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022.  
2) Circular No: 05/2022-23 dated 27 May, 2022.  
3) Circular No.24/2021 dated 02<sup>nd</sup> February 2022.

In line with the European Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/2246 dated 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021, Spices Board, vide circular cited under reference 3, had made it mandatory to have cleared Analytical Report and Official Certificate (Health Certificate) issued by the Board for Ethylene oxide (ETO), for export of notified spices to EU, intended to be used as food and/or feed.

In partial modification to the Circular, MRL of ETO in various Spice Mixes (masalas, curry paste, sauces, RTE, RTC etc.) is revised to the limit of Capsicum Annum i.e., **0.02 mg/kg** from the existing limit of 0.1 mg/kg, since most of the spice mixes will be having chilli as one of its ingredients. The new limit will be applicable irrespective of the percentage of chilli content in the product. The modified MRL list of ETO in various spices/ spice products are given in Table 1.

Table 1:

HS CODE	FOOD AND FEED (INTENDED USE)	MRL mg/kg
0904	Dried or crushed or ground fruit of the genus <i>Capsicum</i>	<b>0.02</b>
	Pepper of the genus piper, dried or crushed or ground fruit of the genus <i>Pimenta</i>	<b>0.1</b>
0905	Vanilla	<b>0.1</b>

Page 1 of 3

0906	Cinnamon and cinnamon-tree flowers	<b>0.1</b>
0907	Cloves (whole fruit, cloves and stems)	<b>0.1</b>
0908	Nutmeg, mace and cardamoms	<b>0.1</b>
0909	Seeds of anise, badian, fennel, coriander, cumin or caraway; juniper berries	<b>0.1</b>
0910	Ginger and ginger products	<b>0.02</b>
	Saffron, turmeric (curcuma), curry, celery seeds and other spices	<b>0.1</b>
	Thyme, bay leaf/laurel, celery (leaf)	<b>0.05</b>
1211	Basil, rosemary, sage, parsley, tarragon, Oregano, others	<b>0.05</b>
1207	Mustard seed	<b>0.05</b>
2103	Mustard flour and meal and prepared mustard	<b>0.05</b>
ex 0910/2106	Curry Masalas, Curry paste, Ready to Eat products, Ready to Cook products, snacks,	<b>0.02</b>
ex 2103	Sauces and preparations; mixed condiments and mixed seasonings;	<b>0.02</b>
ex 1302/2106	Food supplements containing botanicals ( <i>not containing products having a limit of 0.05 mg/kg as its ingredient/ingredients</i> )	<b>0.1</b>

Further, Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/913 of 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022 has withdrawn the requirement of Health Certificate for Aflatoxin for Nutmeg and Nutmeg products originating from India, for importing into EU. Also ETO check is only applicable for dried spices and spices in raw form are exempted as per the new regulation.

Correspondingly, exporters no longer require to avail Health Certificate for Aflatoxin from the Board for their Nutmeg and Nutmeg products consignments destined to EU. However mandatory testing for Aflatoxin in Nutmeg/Nutmeg products to EU & U.K shall remain in force until further notification in this regard.



This circular, issued under the provisions of the Spices Board Act 1986 & Spices Board (Registration of Exporters) Regulations 1989, will take effect from **01/12/2022** and shall remain in force until further guidelines / instructions are prescribed by Spices Board, in this regard.



[B.N.JHA]  
Director (Marketing) I/C

To

All Exporters of Spices and Spice Products/ Exporters' Associations.  
All Commissioners/ Officials concerned of Customs, across India.

Copy to:

Shri M S Banerjee, Under Secretary, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, GoI.

All Offices/ QELs of Spices Board.

Dy Director, EDP, Spices Board to host in the Board's website.

(Issued from File No: SRD-SS/03/0002/2019)

(Hindi version follows)