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Sub: Issuance of Official Certificate for ETO for consignments shipped to EU & UK before implementation of Spices Board's Official System for ETO Official Certificate - reg

Attention is invited to Spices Board Circular No.24/2021 & 26/2021 regarding mandatory testing for Ethylene Oxide (ETO) and issuance of Official Certificate for export of spices to the European Union (EU) & UK.

Further, the Board had convened a meeting of the associations of spice exporters on 15th March 2022 to discuss on the issues related to the non-clearance of spice consignments at Border Control Points (BCP) of EU. Taking into consideration the request from the spices exporters' associations, it has been decided to issue Official Certificate based on cleared ETO test report, in the case of spice consignments shipped to the EU & UK, for which pre-shipment samples have been drawn under the mandatory sampling and testing programme of Spices Board and counter samples are available with the Board.

The above-mentioned provision is applicable only for those consignments which have not been covered under Spices Board's Official System for issuance of ETO Official Certificate, put in place with effect from 07.02.2022 vide Circular No 24/2021. However, those consignments which are sampled, tested and stuffed on or before 07.02.2022, but shipped on a later date will also be considered for issuing the ETO Official Certificate. The procedure for obtaining such Official Certificate is as follows

- a) **Consignments for which counter sample has already been tested and cleared for ETO:** In the case of consignments for which counter sample has already been tested as per Spices Board Circular No 26/2021 and cleared for ETO, a provision to apply for Health Certificate will be enabled by the Board in the Export Support System (ESS) by 22/03/2022. Such provision in ESS will be with reference to the number corresponding to the sampling intimation submitted for testing of the counter sample for ETO. Accordingly, the exporter shall upload a declaration (attached as Annex I) and place a request in ESS for issuance of Official Certificate for ETO.



b) **Consignments for which counter sample has not been tested for ETO:** The request for testing the counter sample for ETO shall be placed as a new intimation through ESS. The stuffing intimation number of the initial consignment shall be entered in the “customer reference number” field in ESS. The counter sample will be tested by the Board and based on cleared test report, the provision to apply for Official Certificate will be enabled by the Board in the Export Support System (ESS). The exporter, while applying for official certificate shall upload a declaration (attached as Annex I) in the ESS.

The applicable fees for testing and for issuance of Official Certificate shall be paid by the exporter as per the prevailing procedure. However, if an Official Certificate for aflatoxin has already been issued for a particular consignment, no additional fee will be charged for issuance of Official Certificate for ETO.

The issuance of the test report and official certificate, based on analysis of counter samples, is only an additional facility provided by the Board to support Indian spice exporters in attempting consignment clearance at the Border Control Points (BCP) and in NO case will guarantee clearance of the consignments. Such test reports and Official Certificates will carry the actual date of issuance and will have a specific mention that the same are issued based on the cleared test report of the counter sample of the particular consignment, available with the Board. Also, the test report and / or official certificate issued as per the initial intimation will be annexed to the test report and Official Certificate for ETO.

Director (Marketing)

All Exporters of Spices and Spice Products / Exporters Associations

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