

**CIRCULAR**

**Sub: Quality analysis of spices for export – Reg.**

Sir,

As part of streamlining the sampling and quality analysis of spices in Board's Quality Evaluation Laboratories in Kochi, Mumbai and Guntur the following procedure are adopted with immediate effect with a view to deliver the analytical reports to the exporters within the minimum required time frame with proper accounting.

- 1) The **mandatory** samples to be tested for Aflatoxin B1, B2, G1, G2 from the export consignment of Chilli/chilli products/ food products containing chilli products and Sudan I,II,III,IV for the above products and including turmeric powder shall be sent by the approved sampling agency to the concerned Regional Offices of the Board in separate cover with two sets of sample with analytical charges fixed for the purpose either by at par cheque or Demand Draft drawn in favour of Spices Board.
  
- 2) The sample to be tested for other parameters as **optional** shall be drawn and sent by the approved sampling agency from the same export consignment mentioning the same sample code number of mandatory test or send it separately to the Spices Board by the exporter concerned. For this purpose, exporters are requested to ensure that required quantity of samples is sent with the analytical charges fixed for the purpose. The quantity required for each of the test and the testing charges are given in the Board's website **[www.indianspices.com](http://www.indianspices.com)**

The parameters presently being tested in different Quality Evaluation Laboratory of the Board are given below. These samples may therefore be sent accordingly as described above:

<b>Sl.No.</b>	<b>Parameters in Mumbai Laboratory</b>
1	Capsaicin
2	Color Value
3	Curcumin
4	Sudan I – IV
5	Aflatoxins
6	Pesticide Residues (Organo Chlorine and Organo Phosphorous Group)
7	Parathyroids
8	Dyes:
	a) Para Red
	b) Rhodamine B
	c) Sudan Red 7B
	d) Sudan Orange B
	e) Butter Yellow

<b>Sl.No</b>	<b>Parameters in Guntur Laboratory</b>
1	Sudan I – IV
2	Aflatoxins
3	Moisture
4	Volatile Oil

<b>Kochi:</b>	<b>All parameters as in website <a href="http://www.indianspices.com">www.indianspices.com</a></b>
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3) It may be noted that Spices Board will not accept any samples in labs for testing where the facility is not available. In such cases, they have to send relevant samples with testing charges to lab at Kochi. The required quantity for each of the parameters to be analyzed and the analytical charges, as contained in website should be sent to the respective Regional Offices of the Board from where the test is done.

4) In cases where advance payments are made, it should be paid to Spices Board offices attached to the lab where exporter is making the analysis of his sample. Under no circumstances money paid to one office will be transferred or adjusted with the analysis done in other centers.

Yours faithfully,

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