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### Sub: Advisory for export of Spices & Spice products to Morocco -reg

Spices Board has been informed by the Embassy of India, Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco as well as industry sources that consignments of turmeric exported from India have been rejected by Morocco, due to the reported presence of N, N-Diethyl-meta-toluamide, also called DEET or diethyltoluamide. It is understood that Morocco maintains a default MRL of 0.01 ppm for DEET, which is the Limit of Quantitation for the analysis of this compound. In this regard, the Embassy of India, Rabat has taken up the matter with the Moroccan authorities and further details on the applicable standards and specifications for export of turmeric and other spices to Morocco are awaited.

DEET is a common active ingredient in insect repellents, which is intended to be applied to the skin or to clothing to provide protection against mosquitoes, flies, ticks, fleas, chiggers, leeches and many insects.

In this regard, all exporters of spices and spice products are advised to exercise due diligence and to take necessary steps to ensure absence of DEET in consignments of spices and spice products exported to Morocco.

Director (MKTG)

To

All Exporters of Spices and Spice Products

(Hindi Version follows)

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