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Sub : Inclusion of ETO test for Spices consignments exported to Hong Kong & Singapore under Mandatory Sampling & Testing Programme

Ref : Circular No.24/2022-23 dated 23rd March 2023

As a proactive measure to address the concerns regarding Ethylene Oxide (ETO) contamination in spice products, Spices Board, in consultation with the spice industry, has decided to commence mandatory ETO testing in spice consignments exported for Singapore and Hong Kong.

The Maximum Residue Limit (MRL) for ETO in spices as per Singapore Food Agency is 50 ppm, whereas Hong Kong has Zero tolerance for ETO.

All the Spice consignments including Ready-to-eat (RTE) products destined to Singapore & Hong Kong shall be accompanied with cleared analytical report for ETO issued by Spices Board.

This circular, issued under the provisions of the Spices Board Act 1986 & Spices Board (Registration of Exporters) Regulations, 1989 will come into force from **6th May 2024** until further guidelines / instruction are prescribed by Spices Board in this regard.

Director (Marketing)

To

1. All the exporters of spices and spice products / Exporters Associations
2. All Commissioners / Officials of Customs across India

Copy to

1. Shri. Arun Kumar Deputy Director Dept of Commerce, MoCI New Delhi - For information
2. All Regional Offices / QELs - for information and compliance
3. The Deputy Director (EDP) to host in Spices Board's Website.

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