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Sub : Export of Chilli & Chilli products to UK - New Regulation on
Increased official controls - reg

Ref : Official Controls (England) Regulations 2024 No.120 of 2024 dt
1st February 2024

The UK has imposed the requirement for official certificate for compliance with permissible limit of Pesticide Residues, for the entry of Peppers (Chilli) of the genus Capsicum (sweet or other than sweet), exported from India, vide their notification No.120 of 2024, amending European Commission Regulation (EU) 2019/1793.

This is in addition to the existing requirement for Official Certificate for Aflatoxin, for Chilli & Chilli Products and Nutmeg & Nutmeg Products exported from India. Accordingly, the export consignments of Chilli & Chilli Products from India to the UK shall be accompanied by an official certificate for compliance with the permissible limit of Aflatoxin and Pesticide Residues, whereas for export consignments of Nutmeg & Nutmeg Products from India to the UK, Official Certificate is required for Aflatoxin.

Also, UK has increased the frequency of physical and identity checks (testing frequency at entry ports) for Spices & Spice products such as Curry leaves, Cinnamon, Cloves, Nutmeg, Mace, Cardamom, Seeds of Anise, Badian, Fennel, Coriander, Cumin or Caraway, Juniper Berries, Ginger, Saffron, Turmeric (Curcuma), Thyme, Bay Leaves, Curry and other Spices, for Pesticide Residues. The notification (copy attached) will come into force on 7th March 2024.

Accordingly, consignments of Chilli and Chill Products arriving at the ports of UK from 7th March 2024 are required to be accompanied with an Official Certificate for Aflatoxin and Pesticide Residue. Spices Board has taken up the matter with the authorities concerned for seeking an extension for implementation of the new requirements. Also, the Board has initiated necessary steps to undertake testing of export consignments of Chilli and Chilli Products to the UK for Pesticide Residues.

In the case of export consignments of Chilli and Chilli Products to the UK, for sampling intimations/applications for Official Certificate already received in the Export Support System of the Board as well as for new sampling intimations/applications for Official Certificate, the Certificate will be issued after testing and clearance for both Aflatoxin and

Pesticide Residues (for which the system is expected to be ready shortly). All the exporters of Chilli and Chilli Products to the UK are hereby advised to plan the shipping schedules accordingly and also to exercise due diligence for compliance with the new requirements.



Director (Mktg)

To

All Exporters of Spices and Spice Products/ Exporters' Associations.

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