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TRADE ADVISORY 05/2026-27

Subject: Compliance with GACC registration and labelling requirements for export of spices and spice products to China under CIFER/DAPQ system– reg.

Ref.:
1. Circular No: 13/2021 dated 22.10.2021
2. Circular No: 16/2021 dated 29.11.2021
3. Circular No: 08/2022-23 dated 25.07.2022
4. Circular No: 16/2022-23 dated 06.10.2022
5. Circular No: 20/2022-23 dated 15.12.2022
6. Circular No: 22/2022-23 dated 10.02.2023
7. Circular No: 04/2023-24 dated 29.05.2023
8. Circular No: 06/2023-24 dated 13.06.2023
9. Circular No: 01/2025-26 dated 19.05.2025
10. Trade Advisory 02/2026-27 dated 16.06.2026
11. Trade Advisory 03/2026-27 dated 23.06.2026

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Spices Board *vide* Circulars and Trade Advisories referred to above, had apprised the Indian Spice sector about the registration requirements for export of spices & spice products to China. Currently, firms exporting unground spices are required to be registered through the Department of Animal and Plant Quarantine (DAPQ) system, whereas firms exporting ground spices are to be registered through the China Import Food Enterprise Registration (CIFER) system of the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC).

In this regard, exporters are advised to ensure that the production/manufacturing address declared on the packaging/labels of spices and spice products exported to China is consistent with the address registered under the applicable GACC-CIFER or DAPQ registration system. Any discrepancy between the address declared on the product label and the registered address can result in the product being treated as originating from an unregistered establishment, potentially leading to suspension of the concerned registration and restrictions on exports to China.

In view of the above, all exporters of spices and spice products to China are advised to ensure the following:

1. Production address and registered premises: Exporters shall ensure that products are manufactured/processed only at duly registered premises and that the address on the product package/label exactly matches the address registered under the applicable GACC-CIFER/DAPQ system.
2. Registration details: The GACC-CIFER registration number, enterprise name, production premises and other relevant particulars mentioned in the product package/label shall be valid, accurate and up to date, as per CIFER/DAPQ registration system.
3. Changes in premises: Any change in the production premises or registered address shall be duly updated and approved in the CIFER/DAPQ registration before exports are undertaken from the changed premises. Submission of an application for modification or change shall not, by itself, be considered as completion of the required updation.
4. Internal verification: Exporters shall periodically reconcile the information on product package/labels and export documents with their GACC-CIFER/DAPQ registration records.

Exporters are also advised that discrepancies in registration or labelling particulars may invite regulatory action by the Chinese authorities, including suspension of registration, detention/recall of consignments and restriction of exports.

Therefore, all exporters of spices & spice products are hereby advised to exercise due diligence while exporting to China and to ensure that consignments exported to China comply with the applicable registration requirements.

This advisory is issued under the provisions of the Spices Board Act, 1986 and the Spices Board (Registration of Exporters) Regulations, 1989.

For further clarifications, please contact the Marketing Division, Spices Board, Kochi (marketing.sb-ker@spicesboard.gov.in) and Extn No: 334.

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To

All Exporters of Spices & Spice Products / Exporters Associations

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