

## **MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES : SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPORTS OF FOOD PRODUCTS**

In addition to General Compliance requirements, additional compliance requirements for export of fresh fruits, vegetables, rice, processed foods and other food products destined to Middle East countries are as follows:

### **1. Specific requirement for export of food products to Saudi Arabia**

Certificate of Conformity (COC) for export of all food products to Saudi Arabia, which includes fresh and processed food products and cereals including Rice. The COC is issued by Saudi Food and Drug Administration (SFDA) approved COC issuing body. The COC issuing bodies carry out inspection to issue COC based on qualifying residue analysis certificate meeting the MRL requirements of Saudi Arabia notified by SFDA. The details of COC issuing bodies for food products for India are as follows:

- (i) Branch of TUV Austeria Shanghai CO. LTD.  
Represented by MasterCert in India, Chennai  
Contact: Mr. Sultan Ansari 9384110232
  - (ii) Branch of Intertek International Ltd.  
Represented by Intertek India. Contact details are available at following web link:  
<https://www.intertek.com/contact/asiapacific/india/>
  - (iii) TUV Rheinland Arabia LLC  
Represented by TUV Nord India  
Contact: Mr. Kopal Tarang 9833159305
  - (iv) Cotecna Saudi Ltd.  
Represented by COTECNA Inspection India Pvt. Ltd.  
Contact: Mr. Subrata Saha 9073952020
2. Registration-cum-Allocation Certificate (RCAC) issued by APEDA to its registered exporters of Basmati Rice based on qualifying analysis results and Certificate of Export (COE) for Peanuts and their products based on Aflatoxin analysis issued from Peanut.Net;
3. Phyto sanitary certificate (PSC). PSC is issued by authorized personnel of National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) or by the authorized personnel by NPPO such as respective State Agriculture/Horticulture Department, ICAR institution/Agriculture Universities, designated plant quarantine departments of Central/State Governments;

4. Fumigation Certificate with approved fumigant, e.g. Phosphine and alternate methods of fumigation;
5. All other **GCC countries** in the gulf region such as **Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar** and **UAE** does not require COC, however, certificate of laboratory analysis meeting the GCC MRL requirements for export of fresh fruits, vegetables, rice and other food products.
6. Countries such as **Iran** and **Turkey** also require certificate of analysis meeting their MRLs and food regulations.
7. The analysis certificate for export of fresh fruits, vegetables, rice and other food products can be obtained from the food testing laboratories approved by APEDA for this purpose.

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