

Health Certificate to European Countries

Requirement of Health Certificate (HC), for exports of fresh and processed food products

1. Health Certificate

Following food products require Health Certificate before shipment to European Countries:

1. Fresh Curry Leaves
2. Fresh Betel Leaves
3. Peanuts and Peanut Products
4. Green Chillies
5. Okra (relaxed presently, Certificate of Analysis mandatory)

- The above products are under mandatory check on import at border posts in European Countries.
- The Health Certificate is issued in EU prescribed format by designated officials of various agencies such as Export Inspection Council of India (EIC)/Export Inspection Agencies (EIAs) for Fresh Curry Leaves, Peanuts and Peanut Products, Green Chillies and Okra. The offices of EIAs exist in major cities of the country.
- EIAs issue Health Certificate consignment wise as well as In Process Quality Control (IPQC) system at prescribed fee.
- The Health Certificate is issued based on prescribed procedure for sampling and analysis followed for pre shipment testing carried out by authorized laboratories for this purpose.
- In case of fresh fruits and vegetables, APEDA has described detailed procedure for exports along with food safety compliance requirements of the importing country such as method of sampling and analysis based on which the Health Certificate is issued by EIAs.
- Export of fresh fruits and vegetables to European Countries is allowed only from the pack houses registered by APEDA. The list of approved packhouses is available in APEDA website.
- Health Certificate for export of Fresh Betel Leaves and other Botanical products (Forest Products) to European Countries is issued by SHEFEXIL, Kolkata.

- Health Certificate for export of Spices to European Countries is issued by Spices Board of India through their offices in major cities of the country based on qualifying sampling and analysis carried out by Spices Board Laboratories.
- In case of export of wine to EU countries the sampling and analysis is carried out by the commercial food testing laboratories authorized by APEDA based on EU approval and the certification is issued by public sector laboratories.
- Health Certificate for export of Meat and Meat Products from India is issued by authorized personnel of State Veterinary Department, EIC/EIAs and DMI. In addition, Health Certificate for export of all animal products including sea food is issued by EIC/EIAs.

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