

EUROPEAN UNION : SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPORTS OF FOOD PRODUCTS TO EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

In addition to General Compliance requirements, additional compliance requirements for export of fresh fruits, vegetables, rice and millets and groundnuts and their products destined to European Union countries are as follows:

1. Fresh Fruits and Vegetables:

- Certificate of analysis complying with EU Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) issued by APEDA authorized laboratories for export of fresh grapes, pomegranates, okra, brinjal, bitter guard, drumstick, bottle guard and other assorted fresh vegetables and fresh fruits;
- Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), food safety management system based on HACCP, BRC, ISO-22000 certification;
- Certificate of Agmark Grading (CAG) issued by the Agmark approved authorized person for all fresh fruits and vegetables including onion and potato. The CAG is issued by food testing laboratories authorized by APEDA;
- Health Certificate based on qualifying MRLs analysis certificate for the products such as fresh green chillies, fresh curry leaves. The Health Certificate is issued by Export Inspection Council/Agency;
- 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.

2. Rice and Millets

- Registration-cum-Allocation Certificate (RCAC) issued by APEDA to its registered exporters of Basmati Rice;
- Compliance with the EU Maximum Residue Levels, Aflatoxins and Non-GMO based on sampling and analysis report issued by the authorized laboratories;
- Authenticity certificate for notified Basmati Rice varieties based on Certificate of Inspection issued by Export Inspection Council/Agency;

- 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;
- Fumigation Certificate with approved fumigant, e.g. Phosphine and alternate methods of fumigation;
- Export of non-Basmati Rice has been temporarily banned;
- Export of Millets to EU destinations takes place based on compliance with Maximum Residue Levels and other contaminants, PSC and fumigation certificate;

3. Groundnuts

- Certificate of Exports (COE) issued by APEDA through Peanut.Net to the registered exporters of Peanuts and Peanut Products;
- COE is issued only for the shipments complying with Aflatoxins levels of EU based on test reports issued by APEDA authorized laboratories in Peanut.Net;
- Health Certificate for export of Peanuts and Peanut Products is issued by Export Inspection Council/Agency based on qualifying analysis certificate and COE;
- 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;
- Fumigation Certificate with approved fumigant, e.g. Phosphine and alternate methods of fumigation;

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