

## SPICES BOARD

(Ministry of Commerce and Industry Government of India) Sugandha Bhavan N.H. By-pass P.B. No. 2277 Palarivattom P.O. Cochin - 682 025, India

No.MD/CHI/02/2009

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Dated: 25th October 2010

J.KURIAN) CHAIRMAN

To:

All Commissioners of Customs Mumbai/JNPT/Chennai/Kochi, Kolkata/ Kandla/Tuticorin/ICD Aḥmedabad/ Petrapol/ Bangalore

## CIRCULAR

We have received Notifications from the European Union on Rapid Alert System for Food & Feed (RASFF) relating to the presence of **Aflatoxin** beyond the permissible limit in **Nutmeg & Mace** exported from India to EU countries leading to the destruction of the consignment at destination or advising to reexport the consignment back to India. The Ministry of Commerce, Govt. of India, has viewed this seriously and directed to take necessary precautionary measures to see that such quality lapse will not occur in future with respect to export of the above items from India.

In the light of the above, after due consultations it has been decided that all exporters intending to export "Nutmeg & Mace" to any destination should notify to Spices Board's nearest office and the Head Office in the prescribed format at least 48 hours before shipment and assist Spices Board or the designated agency to draw samples from the export consignment for analysis for the presence of "Aflatoxin". Only the consignments of Nutmeg & Mace, which do not contain aflatoxin beyond the acceptable level, will be permitted for export with immediate effect based on the Cleared analytical report issued from the Spices Board. The exporter is required to bear the analytical charges fixed by the Board. The various provisions contained in the Board's circulars dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2005 & 10<sup>th</sup> August 2005 on mandatory sampling on Chilli/Chilli Products and Turmeric Powder will be applicable in this context.

This issues under the provisions of the Spices Board (Registration of Exporters) Amendment Regulations, 2004 with immediate effect.

Encl: Prescribed format

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## **SAMPLING & STUFFING INTIMATION**

## DETAILS OF PROPOSED EXPORT OF NUTMEG & MACE

| NOTI     | FICATION No   | Date                                  | ed                   |
|----------|---|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1.       | Name & Address of Exporter (with Phone & Fax No.                |                                       |                      |
|          |   |                                       |                      |
| 2.       | Registration No.  |                                       |                      |
| 3.       | Name & Address of the processor, if different from the exporter |                                       |                      |
|          |   | Tel No.<br>Fax No.                    |                      |
| 4.       | Details of Products(s) notified                                 | Please attach required                | additional sheets if |
|          | Products  | Quantity (MT)                         | Value (FOB) Rs/Kg    |
| 5.       | Test Required : Aflatoxin                                       | Charges : 5 MT or <b>551.00</b>       |                      |
| 6.       | Payment details   | Above 5 MT                            | : Rs.1685.00         |
| <u> </u> | Cheque No. & Date   |                                       |                      |
|          | Amount  |                                       |                      |
| 7.       | Address of the place where sampling/stuffing is to be done      |                                       |                      |
| 8.       | Packing Description/ Lot No. & Shipping Marks                   |                                       |                      |
| 9.       | Invoice No./Date & Port of Shipment                             |                                       |                      |
| 10.      | Port & Country of Discharge                                     |                                       | ···                  |
| 11.      | Sampling Date & Time  |                                       |                      |
| 12.      | Date of Stuffing & Time/<br>Sample Code number                  |                                       |                      |
| 13.      | Clearing Agent's Name,<br>Address & Tel. No.                    | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |                      |

Dated:

SIGNATURE: