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Circular No:25/2021

9th February, 2022

Sub: EU Regulation No 2021/ 2246 - Official Certificate for export of spices to the European Union (EU)- Transition period for shipments before 6th January, 2022- reg

Ref: Spices Board Circular No 24/2021 dated 2nd February, 2022

The European Commission has implemented Regulation (EU) 2021/2246 by amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1793, vide which the official controls and emergency measures governing the entry into the EU of specified spices from India, have been increased and an official certificate (health certificate) has been prescribed for permitting entry of the consignments.

Spices Board has taken up the matter with Directorate General for Health & Food Safety (DG-SANTE), European Commission for providing adequate transitional period for implementation of the requirement for official certificate. Accordingly, DG-SANTE has provided a transitional period up to **17th February 2022**, for the consignments shipped to the EU **before 6th January 2022**.

However, the transitional period has been provided subject to the condition that such consignments are subject to 100% official controls, including sampling and laboratory analysis at border control posts. (Copy of the letter received from DG-SANTE is enclosed). In this regard, all exporters of Spices are advised to make use of the transitional period and engage with the buyers/ authorities concerned, for clearance of the consignments shipped to the EU before 6th January 2022.

Further, in the case of consignments, shipped on or after 6th January 2022 and consignments which have been shipped before 6th January 2022 but will be reaching EU after 17th February 2022, the Board is in the process of taking up with DG SANTE and the progress will be informed in due course. The exporters, whose consignments fall under either of the two categories mentioned above, shall submit the details of the consignments in the format

given below (in an excel file) to marketing.sb-ker@gov.in with copy to razypn.sb@gov.in, latest by 15th February 2022.

Sl. No	Name & address of the Exporter	Container No	Product Details	Destination Port & Country	Date of Departure from India	Date of arrival at EU (expected arrival for transit cases)



Director (Marketing)

Hindi version follows

To,

All Exporters of Spices and Spice Products / Exporters Associations

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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

Food sustainability, international relations
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Brussels
SANTE.DDG2.D.3/SC/es (2022)783473

Dear Mr D. Sathiyam,

Subject: Reply on EU Regulation No 2021.2246 - letter from Secretary Spices Board

Thank you for your letter ref. No.MKT-RASFF/0001/2021 from 25th January 2022, in relation to the SANTE replies¹ shared with the Board members and the request for clarifications regarding the EU regulation 2021/2246 issued on 15th December 2021².

I appreciate the efforts of the Spices Board to work closely with the Indian competent authorities and farmers' organisations, to apply good agricultural and hygienic practices and to export to the EU crops meeting its standards.

I would invite your Members to take the necessary and relevant steps to comply with the new requirements laid down in Regulation (EU) 2019/1793, as amended by Regulation (EU) 2021/2246, in order to ensure that the lots of Indian spices can be exported to the EU.

The Commission is still concerned about the positive ethylene oxid (called hereafter "EtO") findings of the Member States' (MSs) authorities in many spices and other products arriving from your country as well as many pesticide residue findings (other than EtO) in several commodities.

Due to the severity and seriousness of the situation for the last 18 months, I am not in a position to grant a long transitional period of 6 months, as you requested. However, I am

¹ Our Ares Ref. (2021)7897537 dated 21st December 2021

² With effect as of 6th January 2022

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fully aware of the long delivery times and for that reason I would like to inform you that a transitional period has been granted **until 17 February 2022**.

All EU Member States were asked to apply this transitional date for all the consignments which are already in transit or export process to the EU. This is provided that such consignments are subject to 100% of official controls, including sampling and laboratory analysis at border control posts and providing evidence that they were shipped to the Union before 6 January 2022.

Due to the risk of contamination by EtO however, I must add that I cannot completely exclude that some authorities in the EU Member States may still insist that they cannot allow the entry into the Union **until 17 February 2022** of commodities that are not accompanied by a health certificate.

I look forward to maintaining a close cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Electronically signed

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