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## CIRCULAR

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Sub: Mandatory Sampling & Testing of export consignments of Spices & Spice products under Quality Evaluation System of Spices Board-reg

Ref: Circular No.14/2020 dated 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020.

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Spices Board, vide circular cited under reference, had exempted export consignments of Ready to Eat (RTE) products in dried form, such as namkeens, snacks, pappads etc., from the requirement of mandatory testing prior to export. The Board, with a view to further promote the export of RTE products is hereby extending the exemption from mandatory testing to RTE products in all forms. However, in the case of export to the European Union & UK, RTE products which have a spice content of more than 20%, will require a Health Certificate, for which testing is a pre-requisite.

Export of Chilli and Chilli products to all destinations except South East Asian countries, Bangladesh, Nepal, Malaysia and China are subject to mandatory pre-shipment testing by Spices Board. In the case of South East Asian countries, Bangladesh, Nepal, Malaysia and China, container stuffing for export is permitted based on the 'Sample Drawn Certificate' provided by the Board. Similarly, in the case of export of Cumin seeds to all destinations except USA and Japan, Container stuffing for export is permitted based on undertaking endorsed by Spices Board.

Further, Spices Board with a view to promote ease of doing exports has listed the ITC HS Code of the spices and spice products under mandatory quality evaluation for exports and the updated list, which will take effect from 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 is placed as Annex-I.

This circular, issued under the provisions of the Spices Board Act 1986 & Spices Board (Registration of Exporters) Regulations 1989, shall remain in force until further orders.

Director (Marketing)

To

All Exporters of Spices and Spice Products/ Exporters' Associations.

Copy to:

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2) All Offices/ QELs of Spices Board

3) Dy Director, EDP, Spices Board to host in the Board's website

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## Mandatory Sampling &amp; Testing of export consignments of Spices and Spice products under the Quality Evaluation System of Spices Board

Country/Region	Spices (In Dried Form) & Spice Products	ITEM DESCRIPTION	ITC HS CODE	Parameter	Maximum Limit
European Union(EU)	Chilli Whole	Fruits of the genus Capsicum	09042110	AflatoxinB1	5 ppb
	Turmeric Whole	Dried (turmeric) Other(Sliced)	ex 09103020 ex 09103090	Aflatoxin Total	10 ppb
	Ginger Whole & Ginger Products	Dried, unbleached (ginger)	09101120		
		Dried, bleached (ginger)	09101130		
		Powder	0910 12 10		
		Other (Crushed or ground)	0910 12 90		
		Other (neither crushed nor ground) including Sliced	ex 09101190		
	Nutmeg Whole & Nutmeg Products	In shell (nutmeg)	09081110		
		Shelled (nutmeg)	09081120		
		Crushed or ground	0908 12 00		
	Mace Whole & Mace Products	Neither Crushed Nor Ground	09082100		
		Crushed or ground	0908 22 00		
	Chilli Powder & Chilli Products	Chilli powder	090422 11		
		Chilli seed	090422 12		
		\$ Chilli Sauce	21039020		
		Other( crushed or ground)	090422 19		
	Curry Powder & Curry Masalas	Mixtures of 2/more products of different headings of 09.04-09.10	ex 09109100		
		Curry Pastes & Pickle	ex 21039010		
		Mixed, condiments and mixed seasoning	ex 21039040		
				Aflatoxin B1	5 ppb
				Aflatoxin Total	10 ppb
				Sudan I- IV	Not Detected

		\$ Other	ex 21039090		
		\$ Other Edible Parts Of Plants Prepared Or Preserved By Vinegar/Acetic Acid (PICKLE)	ex 20019000		
	Turmeric Powder & Products	Powder (turmeric)	09103030		
		Others	09103090		
	Curry Leaves	Other Spices, N.E.S	09109990 Health 12119086 since it is specified under Chapter 12 by notification	Profenofos Triazophos Endosulfan	0.05ppm 0.01ppm 0.05ppm
	# Cumin Seeds	Of seed quality (cumin, other than black)	09093121	Extraneous Matter Other Seeds	3.00 % Max. 0.25 % Max
		Other	09093129		
	Chilli, Chilli Powder & Chilli Products Nutmeg & Nutmeg Products  Compound food, Ready to Eat items etc which contain Chilli, Chilli Products, Nutmeg and Nutmeg Products in a quantity of above 20% (either as a single product or as the sum of these products)	Health Certificate is required from the Spices Board, based on the Cleared Analytical Report for level of aflatoxin			
USA	Chilli Whole	Fruits of the genus Capsicum	09042110	Aflatoxin Total Salmonella	20 ppb Absent in 25g
	Chilli Powder & Chilli Products	Chilli powder	090422 11	Aflatoxin Total Sudan I- IV Salmonella	20ppb Not Detected Absent in 25g
		Chilli seed	090422 12		
		Other( crushed or ground)	090422 19		
	Curry Powder & Curry Masalas	Mixtures of 2/more products of different headings of 09.04-09.10	ex 09109100		
	Curry paste	ex 21039010			



	Curry Pastes	Mixed, condiments and mixed seasoning	ex 21039040	Sudan I-IV	Not Detected
		Other	ex 21039090		
	Turmeric Powder	Powder (turmeric)	09103030	Sudan I-IV	Not Detected
		Other	09103090		
	Cumin Seeds	Of seed quality (cumin, other than black)	09093121	Extraneous Matter	3.00 % Max.
		Other	09093129	Other Seeds Salmonella	0.25 % Max Absent in 25g
Cumin Ground	Crushed Or ground (cumin)	0909 32 00	Salmonella	Absent in 25g	
<b>Canada</b>	Chilli Whole	Fruits of the genus Capsicum	09042110	Aflatoxin Total	15 ppb
	Chilli Powder & Chilli Products	Chilli powder	090422 11	Aflatoxin Total Sudan I-IV	15 ppb Not Detected
		Chilli seed	090422 12		
		Other( crushed or ground)	090422 19		
	Curry Powder & Curry Masalas	Mixtures of 2/more products of different headings of 09.04-09.10	ex 09109100	Aflatoxin Total Sudan I-IV	15 ppb Not Detected
	Curry Pastes	Curry paste	ex 21039010		
		Mixed, condiments and mixed seasoning	ex 21039040		
		Other	ex 21039090		
	Turmeric Powder	Powder (turmeric)	09103030	Sudan I-IV	Not Detected
		Other	09103090		
# Cumin Seeds	Of seed quality (cumin, other than black)	09093121	Extraneous Matter	3.00% Max.	
	Other	09093129	Other Seeds	0.25% Max	
<b>South Africa</b>	Chilli Whole	Fruits of the genus Capsicum	Aflatoxin B1	5 ppb	
			Aflatoxin Total	10 ppb	
	Chilli Powder & Chilli Products	Chilli powder	090422 11	Aflatoxin B1	5 ppb
Chilli seed				090422 12	Aflatoxin Total

		Other( crushed or ground)	090422 19	Sudan I-IV	Not Detected	
	Curry Powder & Curry asalas	Mixtures of 2/more products of different headings of 09.04-09.10	ex 09109100			
	Curry Pastes	Curry paste	ex 21039010			
		Mixed, condiments and mixed seasoning	ex 21039040			
		Other	ex 21039090			
	# Cumin seeds	Of seed quality (cumin, other than black)	09093121	Extraneous Matter	3.00 % Max.	
Other		09093129	Other Seeds	0.25 % Max		
<b>North American Countries other than USA and Canada</b>	Chilli Whole	Fruits of the genus Capsicum	09042110	Aflatoxin Total	30 ppb	
	Chilli Powder &Chilli Products	Chilli powder	090422 11	Aflatoxin Total	30 ppb	
		Chilli seed	090422 12			
		Other( crushed or ground)	090422 19			
	Curry Powder& Curry Masalas	Mixtures of 2/more products of different headings of 09.04-09.10	ex 09109100	Sudan I-IV	Not Detected	
		Curry Pastes	Curry paste			ex 21039010
			Mixed, condiments and mixed seasoning			ex 21039040
			Other			ex 21039090
	Turmeric Powder	Powder (turmeric)	09103030	Sudan I-IV	Not detected	
		Other	09103090			
	# Cumin Seeds	Of seed quality (cumin, other than black)	09093121	Extraneous Matter	3.00 % Max.	
		Other	09093129	Other Seeds	0.25 % Max	

<b>Japan</b>	Chilli/ paprika - Whole	Fruits of the genus Capsicum	09042110	Aflatoxin Total	10 ppb
				Triazophos	0.01 ppm
				Iprobenphos	0.01 ppm
				Profenphos	0.01 ppm
				Chlorpyriphos	1.00 ppm
				Ethion	5.00 ppm
				Methyl parathion	5.00 ppm
				Parathion	0.20 ppm
				Phorate	0.10 ppm
		Chilli/ paprika - Ground	Chilli powder	090422 11	Aflatoxin Total
	Chilli seed		090422 12	SudanI-IV	Not Detected
	Other( crushed or ground)		090422 19	Triazophos	0.01 ppm
				Iprobenphos	0.01 ppm
				Profenphos	0.01 ppm
				Chlorpyriphos	1.00 ppm
				Ethion	5.00 ppm
				Methyl parathion	5.00 ppm
				Parathion	0.20 ppm
				Phorate	0.10 ppm
	Curry Powder& Curry Masalas	Mixtures of 2/more products of different headings of 09.04-09.10	ex 09109100	Aflatoxin Total	10 ppb
				SudanI-IV	Not Detected
	Curry Pastes	Curry paste	ex 21039010	Triazophos	0.01 ppm
		Mixed, condiments and mixed seasoning	ex 21039040	Iprobenphos	0.01 ppm
		Other	ex 21039090	Profenphos	0.01 ppm
				Chlorpyriphos	1.00 ppm
				Ethion	5.00 ppm
				Methyl parathion	5.00 ppm
				Parathion	0.20 ppm
				Phorate	0.10 ppm
	Cumin Seeds	Of seed quality (cumin, other than black)	09093121	Extraneous Matter	3.00% Max
				Other Seeds	0.25% Max

		Other	09093129	Triazophos Iprobenphos Profenphos Chlorpyriphos Ethion Methyl parathion Parathion Phorate	0.01 ppm 0.01 ppm 5.00 ppm 5.00 ppm 3.00 ppm 5.00 ppm 0.10 ppm 0.50 ppm
Turmeric Powder	Powder (turmeric)		09103030	Sudan I-IV	Not Detected
	Other		09103090	Triazophos Iprobenphos Profenphos Chlorpyriphos Ethion Methyl parathion Parathion Phorate	0.01 ppm 0.01 ppm 5.00 ppm 1.00 ppm 0.30 ppm 3.00 ppm 0.20 ppm 0.10 ppm
Cumin Seed ground	Crushed Or ground (Cumin)		0909 32 00	Triazophos Iprobenphos Profenphos Chlorpyriphos Ethion Methyl parathion Parathion Phorate	0.01 ppm 0.01 ppm 5.00 ppm 5.00 ppm 3.00 ppm 5.00 ppm 0.10 ppm 0.50 ppm
Turmeric whole	Dried (turmeric)		09103020	Triazophos Iprobenphos Profenphos Chlorpyriphos Ethion Methyl parathion Parathion Phorate	0.01 ppm 0.01 ppm 5.00 ppm 1.00 ppm 5.00 ppm 5.00 ppm 0.20 ppm 0.10 ppm
	Other(Sliced)		09103090		
Cardamom - whole &ground	Large (amomum) (cardamom)		09083110	Triazophos Iprobenphos	0.01 ppm 0.01 ppm



		Small (elettaria), alleppey green (cardamom)	09083120	Profenphos Chlorpyriphos Ethion Methyl parathion Parathion Phorate	5.00 ppm
		Small, coorg green (cardamom)	09083130		1.00 ppm
		Small-bleached, half-bleached or bleachable (cardamom)	09083140		5.00 ppm
		Small (mixed)	09083150		0.20 ppm
		Other	09083190		0.10 ppm
		Powder	0908 32 10		
		Small Cardamom seeds	0908 32 20		
		Cardamom husk	0908 32 30		
		Other cardamom crushed or ground	09083290		
	Black Pepper – whole & ground	Pepper, long	09041110	Triazophos Iprobenphos Profenphos Chlorpyriphos Ethion Methyl parathion Parathion Phorate	0.01 ppm
		Light black pepper	09041120		0.01 ppm
		Black pepper, garbled	09041130		5.00 ppm
		Black pepper, ungarbled	09041140		1.00 ppm
		Other (neither crushed or ground)	09041190		5.00 ppm
		Pepper, crushed or ground	09041200		0.20 ppm
Fenugreek - whole & ground	Fenugreek (seed)	09109912	Triazophos Iprobenphos Profenphos Chlorpyriphos Ethion Methyl parathion Parathion Phorate	0.01 ppm	
	Fenugreek (powder)	09109924		0.01 ppm	
	Powder (turmeric)	09103030		5.00 ppm	
			Sudan I-IV	Not Detected	

	Turmeric Powder	Other	09103090	Triazophos Iprobenphos Profenphos Chlorpyriphos Ethion Methyl parathion Parathion Phorate	0.01 ppm 0.01 ppm 5.00 ppm 1.00 ppm 0.30 ppm 3.00 ppm 0.20 ppm 0.10 ppm
<b>Australia &amp;New Zealand</b>	Chilli Whole	Fruits of the genus Capsicum	09042110	Aflatoxin Total	15 ppb
	Chilli Powder &Chilli Products	Chilli powder	090422 11	Aflatoxin Total	15 ppb
		Chilli seed	090422 12	Sudan I-IV	Not Detected
		Other( crushed or ground)	090422 19		
	Curry Powder& Curry Masalas	Mixtures of 2/more products of different headings of 09.04-09.10	ex 09109100		
	Curry Pastes	Curry paste	ex 21039010	Sudan I-IV	Not Detected
		Mixed, condiments and mixed seasoning	ex 21039040		
		Other	ex 21039090		
	Turmeric Powder	Powder (turmeric)	09103030	Sudan I-IV	Not Detected
		Other	09103090		
# Cumin Seeds	Of seed quality (cumin, other than black)	09093121	Extraneous Matter Other Seeds	3.00% Max. 0.25% Max	
	Other	09093129			
<b>Malaysia</b>	* Chilli Whole	Fruits of the genus Capsicum	09042110	Aflatoxin B1 Aflatoxin Total	5 ppb 10 ppb
	Chilli Powder &Chilli Products	Chilli powder	090422 11	Aflatoxin B1	5 ppb
		Chilli seed	090422 12	Aflatoxin Total	10 ppb
		Other( crushed or ground)	090422 19		
	Curry Powder& Curry Masalas	Mixtures of 2/more products of different headings of 09.04-09.10	ex 09109100	Sudan I-IV	Not Detected

	Curry Pastes	Curry paste	ex 21039010		
		Mixed, condiments and mixed seasoning	ex 21039040		
		Other	ex 21039090		
	# Cumin Seeds	Of seed quality (cumin, other than black)	09093121	Extraneous Matter Other Seeds	3.00% Max. 0.25% Max
		Other	09093129		
Saudi Arabia	Small Cardamom	Small (elettaria), alleppey green (cardamom)	09083120	Acetamiprid Cyhalothrin (includes lambda cyhalothrin) Cypermethrin (including alpha and zeta cypermethrin) Profenofos Triazophos Dithiocarbamates	0.1 ppm 2 ppm 3 ppm 3 ppm 4 ppm 0.1 ppm
		Small, coorg green (cardamom)	09083130		
		Small-bleached, half-bleached or bleachable (cardamom)	09083140		
		Small (mixed)	09083150		
		Other	09083190		
		Powder	0908 32 10		
		Small Cardamom seeds	0908 32 20		
		Cardamom husk	0908 32 30		
		Other cardamom crushed or ground	09083290		
All other countries	* Chilli Whole	Fruits of the genus Capsicum	09042110	Aflatoxin Total	30 ppb
	Chilli Powder & Chilli Products	Chilli powder	090422 11	Aflatoxin Total  Sudan I-IV	30 ppb  Not Detected
		Chilli seed	090422 12		
		Other( crushed or ground)	090422 19		
	Curry Powder & Masalas	Mixtures of 2/more products of different headings of 09.04-09.10	ex 09109100		
	Curry Pastes	Curry paste	ex 21039010		
		Mixed, condiments and mixed seasoning	ex 21039040		
Other		ex 21039090			

# Cumin Seeds	Of seed quality (cumin, other than black)	09093121	Extraneous Matter Other Seeds	3.00% Max. 0.25% Max
	Other	09093129		
<p>* Container stuffing for export is permitted based on the 'Sample Drawn Certificate' provided by the Board for South East Asian countries (Laos Myanmar (Burma), Peninsular Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Brunei, East Malaysia, East Timor, Indonesia, Philippines, Singapore), Malaysia and China</p> <p># Container stuffing for export is permitted based on undertaking endorsed by Spices Board, for export of Cumin seeds to all destinations except USA and Japan.</p> <p>In the case of USA and Japan, exports of Cumin seeds are permitted only with the Cleared Analytical Report OR No Objection Certificate (NOC) from Spices Board.</p> <p>\$ In the case of exports to the E U &amp; UK, if the products have Spice content of more than 20%, Health Certificate is required, for which testing is a pre-requisite.</p>				

*Where only certain products under any ITC HS Code are to be tested and no specific subdivision under that ITC HS Code exist with description, the ITC HS Code is marked 'ex'*

**DIRECTOR (MARKETING)**