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Sub: Requirement of cleared analytical report and Official Certificate for consignment of Spices & Spice products destined to Switzerland - reg

Ref : 1. Circular No: 24/2022-23 dt. 23rd March 2023
2. Swiss Federal Council Ordinance no.817.042 of May 27, 2020

Vide reference (1) cited, Spices Board has been issuing the Official Certificate for spices & spice products exported from India to EEA countries (including Switzerland), based on the cleared Analytical Report, upon request from the exporter.

Further, it has been brought to the attention of the Board that the Port Authorities at the airports of Geneva and Zurich are demanding for an Official Certificate for the import of certain foodstuffs, in accordance with Ordinance No. 817.042 of May 27, 2020 (updated as of March 1, 2025), issued by the Swiss Federal Council. According to Annex II of this ordinance, for export of spices & spice products (that are listed in Annex II of implementing regulation (EU) 2019/1793) from India to Switzerland, an Official Certificate from Competent Authority is required for compliance with applicable standards for EtO/Pesticide Residues.

Accordingly, the consignments of spices and spice products (as detailed in **Appendix I**) exported from India to Switzerland will require an Official Certificate from Spices Board for clearance at the Border Control Points (BCP) of Switzerland. In view of the above, Spices Board will be commencing mandatory sampling and testing of consignments of spices & spice products specified in Appendix I, intended for export to Switzerland.

This circular, issued under the provisions of the Spices Board Act 1986 & Spices Board (Registration of Exporters) Regulations 1989, will take effect from **9th June 2025** and shall remain in force until further guidelines / instructions are prescribed by the Spices Board, in this regard.



Effect of this Circular: Official Certificate from Spices Board for Pesticide Residue (Curry Leaf) and EtO (for other spices mentioned in the Appendix I) will be mandatory for permitting entry into Switzerland, for the spices & spice products exported from India.

Director (Mktg)

To

All Exporters of Spices and Spice Products/ Exporters' Associations

Copy to:

- 1) The Under Secretary, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, GoI.
- 2) All Offices/ QELs of Spices Board
- 3) Deputy Director, EDP, Spices Board to host in the Board's website.

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Appendix I

Spices & Spice Products	CN Code	Parameter to which official certificate is required
Curry leaves (Bergera/Murraya koenigii)	ex 1211 90 86	Residues of at least those pesticides listed in the control programme adopted in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament.
Pepper of the genus Piper; dried or crushed or ground fruit of the genus Capsicum or of the genus Pimenta	0904	Ethylene Oxide (sum of ethylene oxide and 2-chloro-ethanol, expressed as ethylene oxide)
Cinnamon and cinnamon-tree flowers	0906	
Nutmeg, mace and cardamoms	0908	
Seeds of anise, badian, fennel, coriander, cumin or caraway, juniper berries	0909	
Ginger, saffron, turmeric (curcuma), thyme, bay leaves, curry and other spices	0910	
Sauces and preparations thereof; mixed condiments and mixed seasonings; mustard flours and meals and prepared mustard	2103	
Food supplements containing botanicals (Both finished products and raw materials, containing any botanicals intended for the production of food supplements declared under CN codes mentioned above)	ex 1302	