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Sub : Export of Cumin to EU – Monitoring mechanism for testing of Pesticide Residues (PR) in Cumin exported to EU - reg

Ref : EU Regulation 2024/3153 amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 on the temporary increase of official controls and emergency measures governing the entry into EU of certain goods.

The European Union (EU) is undertaking testing of Cumin exported from India to the EU, for pesticide residues, at a frequency of 30%, in line with EU Regulation 2024/3153. The testing frequency is fixed by EU considering the alerts issued for cumin consignments during official controls performed by the EU Member States.

Considering the above, as well as the non-compliances reported in Cumin consignments exported from India to EU, Spices Board is implementing a **monitoring mechanism for Cumin** (ITC HS Codes: 0909 31 21, 0909 31 29, 0909 32 00) **exported from India to EU**, wherein **testing of Pesticide Residues and clearance by Spices Board will be mandatory for exporters whose Cumin consignments have been notified by EU/ UK for noncompliance with pesticide residue MRLs**. The details of the monitoring mechanism are given below:

1. In the initial phase, the monitoring mechanism will **be applicable for export of Cumin from India to EU, by the exporters whose cumin consignments are notified by EU and UK**, for noncompliance with pesticide residue MRLs during FY 2024-25. Further, the coverage of the monitoring mechanism will be expanded periodically, to include exporters whose Cumin consignments have been notified by EU /UK during Apr - May 2025 as well.
2. The Export Support System (ESS) of Spices Board, while processing intimations from such exporters, for export of Cumin to EU for testing of ETO (which is a mandatory parameter) will automatically



- include testing of pesticide residues (Parameter-Pesticide Residue X), prior to submission of intimation.
3. Further, the cleared analytical report for ETO will be issued and the consignment will be permitted to export, only if such Cumin consignments destined to EU are compliant with the EU standards for both ETO and Pesticide Residues.
 4. If such Cumin consignments do not comply with the EU standards for pesticide residues, the cleared analytical report for ETO will **NOT** be issued and the consignment will **NOT** be permitted to export.

Also, with a view to facilitate the exporters' fraternity to assess compliance with EU Standards, the Board will accept intimations for sampling and testing of Cumin consignments for Pesticide Residues (Parameter-Pesticide Residue X) as a non-mandatory option in Export Support System (ESS). In Such cases, if the report fails to meet EU standards for pesticide residues, the consignment will not be permitted for export. Exporters are advised to utilize this facility to ensure compliance.

This circular, issued under the provisions of the Spices Board Act 1986 & Spices Board (Registration of Exporters) Regulations 1989, will take effect from **16th June 2025** and shall remain in force until further guidelines / instructions are issued by the Spices Board, in this regard.

Accordingly, all exporters are hereby advised to exercise due diligence, and plan their operations accordingly so as to ensure compliance with these requirements.

Effect of this notification: Testing of Pesticide Residue and clearance by Spices Board for export of Cumin (ITC HS Codes: 0909 31 21, 0909 31 29, 0909 32 00) to EU will be mandatory for exporters whose Cumin consignments have been notified by EU/ UK for noncompliance with pesticide residue MRLs.

Director (Mktg)

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

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- 1) The Under Secretary, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, GoI.
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