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In view of the difficulties being faced by the exporters of spices in the wake of the COVID-19 which has resulted in a complete lock down situation and affected operations of establishments including the functioning of Quality Evaluation Laboratories of Spices Board across India, a review of the requirement for mandatory pre-shipment sampling, testing and stuffing of export consignments of certain spices to select destinations has been undertaken, in the interest of export promotion and the following decisions are taken:

- Wherever the importing countries do not mandate production of Spices Board Analytical Reports at the port of discharge of the export consignment of spices and spice products from India, such consignments are temporarily exempted from the mandatory sampling and stuffing requirements stipulated by Spices Board.
- However, the existing mandatory pre-shipment sampling, testing, stuffing and health certificate requirements shall continue to be applicable to the export consignments of spices and spice products to the European Union countries.
- Notwithstanding the above temporary exemption, the exporters are advised to ensure adequate internal measures to meet the quality and safety requirements of the importing countries.

The above temporary exemption shall remain in force till further orders. The Customs authorities may permit clearance of export consignments of spices and spice products accordingly.

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To

All Customs Commissioners of Customs/Officials concerned across India.

All exporters of Spices & Spices Products

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