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### **Sub: Potential risk due to presence of Ethylene Oxide in export consignments intended to the European Union (EU)- reg**

The Directorate - General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE) of the European Commission has reported the presence of high levels of residues of Ethylene Oxide in some consignments of food imported from India to the EU. The DG SANTE has further highlighted the potential risk due to presence of Ethylene Oxide in commodities including spices and dried herbs imported from India.

It may be noted that Ethylene Oxide is not approved as an active substance in plant protection products in the EU. The maximum permissible level for Ethylene Oxide prescribed by EU for the category spices, as per the EU Pesticide Database website, is 0.1 mg/kg. The product wise updated details can be accessed from the link below.

[https://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/pesticides/eu-pesticides-database/mrls/?event=details&pest\\_res\\_ids=91&product\\_ids=&v=1&e=search.pr](https://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/pesticides/eu-pesticides-database/mrls/?event=details&pest_res_ids=91&product_ids=&v=1&e=search.pr)

In this regard, all exporters of spices and spice products are advised to ensure compliance with the permissible level of Ethylene Oxide and to exercise due diligence, while exporting spices and spice products to the EU.

Director (Mktg)

To  
All Exporters of Spices and Spice Products

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