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#### Sub: Inspection/Testing requirement by Japan for food items – reg.

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The Food Inspection and Safety Division , Public Health Bureau, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW), Japan has informed that the Govt. of Japan has decided to revise the inspection/testing requirement for food items from all exporting countries, based on Article 26-3 of the Food Sanitation Act.

Accordingly, spices such as Chili peppers, Curry leaves, Turmeric etc., exported from India to Japan has been brought under the inspection/testing requirement, for each consignment. Also, in the case of spices like Nutmeg, Curry Leaves etc., exported from India to Japan, the frequency of monitoring inspection / testing has been increased to 30 %.

Spices exported from India to Japan, that have been brought under inspection/testing requirement for each consignment are given in Table I below. As per the communication from MHLW Japan, for spices listed in Table I, the requirement for testing of each consignment has currently been put in place from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026 and the importers shall be ordered to conduct inspections/testing by a laboratory registered with the MHLW, each time they import, for compliance with the MLs listed in Table I.

Table I: Spices that are subject to Inspection/Testing for each consignment		
Product	Inspection/Testing parameter	Maximum Limit (ML)
Curry Leaves and its processed products	Ethion	0.3 ppm
	Profenofos	0.01 ppm
Chilli (Chili peppers and red peppers)	Total aflatoxin (sum of aflatoxin B1, B2, G1 and G2 )	10 mg/kg
Foods containing Chilli (red pepper) & turmeric	Total aflatoxin (sum of aflatoxin B1, B2, G1 and G2 )	10 mg/kg

Further, Spices exported from India to Japan, that have been brought under inspection/testing requirement with a testing frequency of 30% of consignments are given in Table II below. As per the communication from MHLW, Japan, for spices listed in Table II, the requirement for testing of 30% of the consignments is effective from April 1, 2025.

**Table II: Spices that are subject to an Inspection/Testing frequency of 30% of consignments**

Product	Inspection/Testing parameter	Date of taking effect
Curry Leaves and its processed products	Phenthoate	June 5, 2024
Nutmeg	Aflatoxin	April 1, 2025

In this regard, the exporters of spices and spice products to Japan are advised to ensure compliance with requirements of MHLW, Japan and to exercise due diligence, while exporting to Japan.



Director (MKTG)

To  
All Exporters of Spices and Spice Products

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