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Sub : Clearance of consignments of Composite Food viz., Curry Powders, Masalas, and Spice Mixes based on MRL compliance evaluation using the Weighted Average Method for export to the UK - reg.

1. Attention of all exporters of spices and spice products is invited to the existing procedures for testing and clearance of export consignments of compound food products, such as curry powders, masalas, and other spice mixes in whole and powder form, with regard to Pesticide Residues (PR) to the UK.
2. The Board has been receiving representations from the industry requesting the adoption of the Weighted Average Method for PR testing and clearance of consignments of composite food products, in line with Article 20 of Regulation (EC) No. 396/2005.
3. The matter was discussed in detail during the stakeholder consultative meetings. Based on the request from the industry and to facilitate the exports, it has been decided to consider the clearance of consignments of composite foods viz., Curry Powders, Masalas, and Spice Mixes, etc., based on the Weighted Average Method according to the EC Regulation.
4. According to Article 20 of Regulation (EC) No. 396/2005, the Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) for composite food products are calculated based on the composition and relative proportions of the ingredients used. The applicable MRL for each pesticide residue is determined by considering the relevant MRLs for the individual ingredients and their respective proportions in the composite food product.
5. Accordingly, the clearance of export consignments of curry powders, masalas and spice mixes destined to UK shall be based on this procedure in line with Article 20 of Regulation (EC) No. 396/2005 with immediate effect.

6. Necessary modifications to the Export Support System (ESS) have been effected to facilitate the implementation of this method.
- To facilitate this process, the Board has enabled a provision in the ESS allowing exporters to submit a list of ingredients of composite products, based on which the applicable MRLs for the products will be calculated.
 - Exporters may note that adoption of this method by the Board does not constitute guarantee or assurance of clearance at the Border Control Posts (BCPs) of the importing country.
 - The ingredient list submitted by the exporter will be annexed to the Test Report to substantiate the calculation of MRLs.
 - The Board reserves the right to modify or revoke this facility at any time, particularly if objections or non-compliances are raised by the regulators in the importing country.

Therefore, all exporters of spices & spice products are advised to ensure accurate reporting of ingredient compositions in the Export Support System so as to facilitate the effective implementation of this clearance process.

Effect of this Circular: With immediate effect, the clearance of the consignments of curry powders, masalas and spice mixes destined for the UK shall be based on the Weighted Average Method.



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2. All Exporters Association
3. The Under Secretary, DoC, MOCI New Delhi
4. Regional & SRD offices of the Board

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