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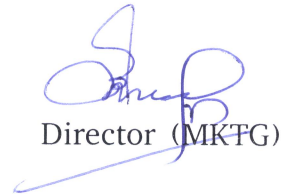
Sub: Maximum limits for pesticide residues in Spices & Spice Products prescribed by Egypt

The Embassy of India, Cairo has informed that the Egyptian National Food Safety Authority (NFSA) has increased the sampling and testing frequency in spices imported to Egypt to 100%, for residue analysis of pesticides. Further, the following information has been provided on maximum limits prescribed by Egypt for pesticide residues.

- The maximum limits of pesticide residues (remnants) in crops and agricultural products (MRLs) in Egypt shall be determined according to the database of the “CODEX Pesticides Residues In Food” issued by the “Codex Alimentarius Commission” of the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Health Organization in connection with the pesticide residues in foods. In case the maximum limit of residues for a certain pesticide or agricultural product is not available in this database, the values determined in the EU pesticides database issued by the European Commission shall be used. In case no value is given in the EU database, the tolerance value determined by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, EPA, shall be used.
- In case the maximum limit of residues for any pesticide in a certain crop or agricultural product is not mentioned, the maximum limit for this pesticide in the nearest group of crops or agricultural products shall be used in the same order mentioned.

The Maximum Residue Limits for Pesticides adopted by the Codex Alimentarius Commission can be accessed from <http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/codex-texts/dbs/pestres/en/>

All exporters of spices and spice products are advised to ensure compliance with the maximum limits of pesticide residues and to exercise due diligence, while exporting spices and spice products to Egypt.

  
Director (MKTG)

To  
All Exporters of Spices and Spice Products

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