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CIRCULAR

Sub: Mandatory pre- shipment Sampling, Testing & Stuffing of Export Consignment of Small Cardamom to Saudi Arabia-Reg.

The Saudi Food & Drug Authority (SFDA), Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has revised the maximum limits of pesticide residues (MRLs) in Small Cardamom and has prescribed the following MRLs in Small Cardamom for the pesticides listed below.

Sl.No	Pesticide	MRL (mg/kg)
1	Acetamiprid	0.1
2	Cyhalothrin (includes lambda cyhalothrin)	2
3	Cypermethrin (including alpha-and zeta- cypermethrin)	3
4	Profenofos	3
5	Triazophos	4
6	Dithiocarbamates	0.1

Accordingly, it has been decided to include exports of Small Cardamom to Saudi Arabia under the mandatory sampling and testing program of Spices Board. Further, the export of Small Cardamom from India to Saudi Arabia shall be allowed only with the cleared analytical report from Spices Board's Quality Evaluation Laboratory (QEL) for the pesticides at Sl. No 1-5, with effect from 4th May, 2020 and Sl. No 1-6 with effect from 25th June, 2020.

The minimum quantity required for the analysis is 200 gm of each sample. The analytical report will be issued in FOUR working days from the date of receipt of sample at the QEL. The prescribed fee for the analysis of parameters at Sl. No 1 to 5 Rs. 6,600 plus applicable taxes/charges and the testing will be undertaken by QELs at Kochi and Mumbai in the initial phase.

Further, the temporary exemption granted for mandatory pre- shipment sampling, testing and stuffing for export consignments of spices and spice products, vide Circular No. SRD-SS/03/0002/2019 dated 26th March, 2020, on account of COVID 19 shall not be applicable to exports of Small Cardamom to Saudi Arabia.


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To:

- 1) All Exporters of Spices/ Exporters' Associations
- 2) All Commissioners/Officials concerned of Customs across India
- 3) All Regional Offices / QELs/ SRDs of Spices Board

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- 1) Shri M S Banerjee, Under Secretary, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India, New Delhi
- 2) Dy. Director, EDP, Spices Board to host in the Board's website