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### Circular

Circular No: 09/2021-22

27<sup>th</sup> September, 2021

Sub: Mandatory Sampling & Testing of export consignments of Spices & Spice products under the Quality Evaluation System of Spices Board-reg

Ref: 1) Circular No.19/2020 dated 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020  
2) Circular No.14/2020 dated 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020

Spices Board, vide circular cited at reference 1 had exempted export consignments of Ready to Eat (RTE) products in all forms to all destinations (except EU & UK), from the requirement of mandatory testing. The requirement of mandatory sampling & testing of export consignments of Spices & Spice products has further been reviewed by the Board and the following modifications have been made, with a view to facilitate ease of doing exports.

- In the case of export of Chilli whole, the facility for undertaking export with the Sample Drawn Certificate (SDC) issued by the Board, has been made applicable for South East Asian countries (including Malaysia), Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Pakistan, Afghanistan and China.
- For export of Cumin Seeds to all destinations except USA and Japan, the system for issuance of 'Undertaking endorsed by the Board' has been replaced by the Sample Drawn Certificate (SDC) facility. Accordingly, the designated surveyor of the Board will draw sample from the consignments of Cumin seeds destined to all destinations except USA and Japan and supervise the stuffing of the material into the container and enter the Container number and Customs seal in the SDC. Subsequently, the SDC will be handed over to the exporter, so as to enable export of the consignment without waiting for the cleared analytical report. However, in the case of USA and Japan, the export of Cumin seeds is permitted only with the Cleared Analytical Report from Spices Board.

The updated list of mandatory tests required for export of spices and spice products from the country is attached as Annexure 1, which will be effective from 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2021. This circular, issued under the provisions of the Spices Board Act 1986 &

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Spices Board (Registration of Exporters) Regulations 1989, shall remain in force until further guidelines / instructions are prescribed by Spices Board, in this regard.



Director (Marketing)

To

All Exporters of Spices and Spice Products/ Exporters' Associations.

All Commissioners/ Officials concerned of Customs, across India.



Copy to:

- 1) Shri M S Banerjee, Under Secretary, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, GoI.
- 2) All Offices/ QELs of Spices Board.
- 3) Dy Director, EDP, Spices Board to host in the Board's website.

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(Hindi version follows)

## Mandatory Sampling &amp; Testing of export consignments of Spices and Spice products under the Quality Evaluation System of Spices Board

Country/Region	Spices (In Dried Form) & Spice Products	ITEM DESCRIPTION	ITC HS CODE	Parameter	Maximum Limit
European Union (EU) & UK	Chilli Whole	Fruits of the genus Capsicum	09042110	Aflatoxin B1 Aflatoxin Total	5 ppb 10 ppb
	Turmeric Whole	Dried (turmeric) Other (Sliced)	ex 09103020 ex 09103090		
	Ginger Whole & Ginger Products	Dried, unbleached (ginger)	09101120		
		Dried, bleached (ginger)	09101130		
		Powder	0910 12 10		
		Other (Crushed or ground)	0910 12 90		
	Nutmeg Whole & Nutmeg Products	Other (neither crushed nor ground) including Sliced	ex 09101190		
		In shell (nutmeg)	09081110		
		Shelled (nutmeg) Crushed or ground	09081120 0908 12 00		
	Mace Whole & Mace Products	Neither Crushed Nor Ground	09082100		
		Crushed or ground	0908 22 00		
	Chilli Powder & Chilli Products	Chilli powder	090422 11	Aflatoxin B1 Aflatoxin Total Sudan I- IV	5 ppb 10 ppb Not Detected
		Chilli seed	090422 12		
		Other (crushed or ground)	090422 19		
	Curry Powder & Curry Masalas	Mixtures of 2/more products of different headings of 09.04-09.10	ex 09109100		
		Curry Pastes	Curry paste		
	Mixed, condiments and mixed seasoning		ex 21039040		
	Other		ex 21039090		

	Ready to Eat (RTE) items \$	Pickles		Aflatoxin B1	5 ppb		
		Chilli Sauce					
		Other Sauces					
		Chutney/Chutney powder				Aflatoxin Total	10 ppb
		Snacks				Sudan I- IV	Not Detected
		Others					
	Turmeric Powder & Products (except sliced)	Powder (turmeric)	09103030	Aflatoxin B1	5 ppb		
		Others	09103090	Aflatoxin Total	10 ppb		
				Sudan I- IV	Not Detected		
	Curry Leaves	Other Spices, N.E.S	09109990 (EU has classified curry leaves with CN Code 12119086)	Profenofos Triazophos Endosulfan	0.05ppm 0.01ppm 0.05ppm		
	Cumin Seeds #	Of seed quality (cumin, other than black)	09093121	Extraneous Matter	3.00 % Max.		
		Other	09093129	Other Seeds	0.25 % Max		
	Chilli, Chilli Powder & Chilli Products, Nutmeg & Nutmeg Products and Ready to Eat (RTE) items which contain Chilli and / or Nutmeg in a quantity of above 20% (either as a single product or as the sum of these products) \$		Health Certificate (HC) / Official Certificate from Spices Board is required for entry to the EU & UK, for consignment of Chilli and Nutmeg, and for products containing Chilli, and Nutmeg in a quantity of above 20% (either as a single product or as the sum of these products). The Health Certificate will be issued by the Board based on the Cleared Analytical Report for level of Aflatoxin.  \$ In the case of RTE products, mandatory tests are required only in cases where HC is applicable (i.e. if the item contains Chilli and / or Nutmeg in a quantity of above 20%, either as a single product or as the sum of these products-ref. Circular No.20/2020 dated 31.12.2020).				
	USA	Chilli Whole	Fruits of the genus Capsicum	09042110	Aflatoxin Total	20ppb	
					Salmonella	Absent in 25g	
		Chilli Powder & Chilli Products	Chilli powder	090422 11			

		Chilli seed	090422 12	Aflatoxin Total	20ppb		
		Other (crushed or ground)	090422 19				
	Curry Powder & Curry Masalas	Mixtures of 2/more products of different headings of 09.04-09.10	ex 09109100	Sudan I-IV	Not Detected		
				Curry Pastes	Curry paste	ex 21039010	Salmonella
	Mixed, condiments and mixed seasoning	ex 21039040					
	Other	ex 21039090					
	Turmeric Powder & Products (except sliced)	Powder (turmeric)	09103030	Sudan I-IV	Not Detected		
		Other	09103090				
	Cumin Seeds	Of seed quality (cumin, other than black)	09093121	Extraneous Matter	3.00 % Max.		
				Other Seeds	0.25 % Max		
	Other	09093129	Salmonella	Absent in 25g			
Cumin Ground	Crushed Or ground (cumin)	0909 32 00	Salmonella	Absent in 25g			
<b>Canada</b>	Chilli Whole	Fruits of the genus Capsicum	09042110	Aflatoxin Total	15 ppb		
	Chilli Powder & Chilli Products	Chilli powder	090422 11	Aflatoxin Total	15 ppb		
		Chilli seed	090422 12				
		Other( crushed or ground)	090422 19				
	Curry Powder & Curry Masalas	Mixtures of 2/more products of different headings of 09.04-09.10	ex 09109100	Sudan I-IV	Not Detected		
	Curry Pastes	Curry paste	ex 21039010	Sudan I-IV	Not Detected		
Mixed, condiments and mixed seasoning		ex 21039040					

	Turmeric Powder & Products (except sliced)	Other	ex 21039090		
		Powder (turmeric)	09103030	Sudan I-IV	Not Detected
		Other	09103090		
	Cumin Seeds #	Of seed quality (cumin, other than black)	09093121	Extraneous Matter	3.00% Max.
		Other	09093129	Other Seeds	0.25% Max
<b>South Africa</b>	Chilli Whole	Fruits of the genus Capsicum	09042110	Extraneous Matter	3.00% Max.
	Chilli Powder & Chilli Products	Chilli powder	090422 11	Other Seeds	0.25% Max
		Chilli seed	090422 12	Aflatoxin B1 Aflatoxin Total	5 ppb 10 ppb
		Other (crushed or ground)	090422 19		
	Curry Powder & Curry masalas	Mixtures of 2/more products of different headings of 09.04-09.10	ex 09109100	Aflatoxin B1	5 ppb
	Curry Pastes	Curry paste	ex 21039010	Aflatoxin Total	10 ppb
		Mixed, condiments and mixed seasoning	ex 21039040	Sudan I-IV	Not Detected
		Other	ex 21039090		
	Cumin Seeds #	Of seed quality (cumin, other than black)	09093121	Extraneous Matter	3.00 % Max.
		Other	09093129	Other Seeds	0.25 % Max
	<b>North American Countries other than USA and Canada</b>	Chilli Whole	Fruits of the genus Capsicum	09042110	Aflatoxin Total
Chilli Powder & Chilli Products		Chilli powder	090422 11	Aflatoxin Total	30 ppb
		Chilli seed	090422 12		
		Other (crushed or ground)	090422 19	Sudan I-IV	Not Detected

	Curry Powder& Curry Masalas	Mixtures of 2/more products of different headings of 09.04-09.10	ex 09109100		
	Curry Pastes	Curry paste	ex 21039010		
		Mixed, condiments and mixed seasoning	ex 21039040		
		Other	ex 21039090		
	Turmeric Powder & Products (except sliced)	Powder (turmeric)	09103030	Sudan I-IV	Not detected
		Other	09103090		
	Cumin Seeds #	Of seed quality (cumin, other than black)	09093121	Extraneous Matter	3.00 % Max.
Other		09093129	Other Seeds	0.25 % Max	
<b>Japan</b>	Chilli Whole	Fruits of the genus Capsicum	09042110	Aflatoxin Total	10 ppb
				Triazophos	0.01 ppm
	Chilli Powder &Chilli Products	Chilli powder	090422 11	Aflatoxin Total	10 ppb
Sudan I-IV				Not Detected	
	Chilli seed	Other (crushed or ground)	090422 12 090422 19	Triazophos	0.01 ppm
				Iprobenfos	0.01 ppm
				Profenofos	3.00 ppm
				Chlorpyrifos	2.00 ppm
				Ethion	0.30 ppm
				Methyl parathion	1.00 ppm
				Parathion	0.40 ppm
				Phorate	0.30 ppm

	Curry Powder & Curry Masalas**	Mixtures of 2/more products of different headings of 09.04-09.10	ex 09109100	Aflatoxin Total Sudan I-IV	10 ppb Not Detected
	Curry Pastes**	Curry paste	ex 21039010	Triazophos Iprobenfos Profenofos Chlorpyrifos Ethion Methyl parathion Parathion Phorate	0.01 ppm 0.01 ppm 0.01 ppm 1.00 ppm 5.00 ppm 5.00 ppm 0.20 ppm 0.10 ppm
		Mixed, condiments and mixed seasoning	ex 21039040	Aflatoxin Total SudanI-IV	10 ppb Not Detected
		Other	ex 21039090	Triazophos Iprobenfos Profenofos Chlorpyrifos Ethion Methyl parathion Parathion Phorate	0.01 ppm 0.01 ppm 0.01 ppm 1.00 ppm 5.00 ppm 5.00 ppm 0.20 ppm 0.10 ppm
	Cumin Seeds	Of seed quality (cumin, other than black)	09093121	Extraneous Matter Other Seeds	3.00% Max 0.25% Max
		Other	09093129	Triazophos Iprobenfos Profenofos Chlorpyrifos Ethion Methyl parathion Parathion Phorate	0.01 ppm 0.01 ppm 5.00 ppm 5.00 ppm 3.00 ppm 5.00 ppm 0.10 ppm 0.50 ppm



	Cumin Seed ground	Crushed Or ground (Cumin)	0909 32 00	Triazophos Iprobenfos Profenofos Chlorpyrifos Ethion Methyl parathion Parathion Phorate	0.01 ppm 0.01 ppm 5.00 ppm 5.00 ppm 3.00 ppm 5.00 ppm 0.10 ppm 0.50 ppm
	Turmeric Powder & Products (except sliced)	Powder (turmeric)	09103030	Triazophos Iprobenfos Profenofos Chlorpyrifos Ethion Methyl parathion Parathion Phorate	0.01 ppm 0.01 ppm 5.00 ppm 1.00 ppm 0.30 ppm 3.00 ppm 0.20 ppm 0.10 ppm
		Other	09103090	Sudan I-IV	Not Detected
	Turmeric whole	Dried (turmeric)	09103020	Triazophos Iprobenfos Profenofos Chlorpyrifos Ethion Methyl parathion Parathion Phorate	0.01 ppm 0.01 ppm 5.00 ppm 1.00 ppm 5.00 ppm 5.00 ppm 0.20 ppm 0.10 ppm
		Other (Sliced/Split)	09103090		
	Cardamom - whole & ground	Large (amomum) (cardamom)	09083110	Triazophos Iprobenfos Profenofos Chlorpyrifos Ethion Methyl parathion Parathion Phorate	0.01 ppm 0.01 ppm 5.00 ppm 1.00 ppm 5.00 ppm 5.00 ppm 0.20 ppm 0.10 ppm
		Small (elettaria), alleppey green (cardamom)	09083120		
		Small, coorg green (cardamom)	09083130		
		Small-bleached, half-bleached or bleachable (cardamom)	09083140		
		Small (mixed)	09083150		
		Other	09083190		

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		Powder	0908 32 10		
		Small Cardamom seeds	0908 32 20		
		Cardamom husk	0908 32 30		
		Other cardamom crushed or ground	09083290		
	Black Pepper – whole & ground	Light black pepper	09041120	Triazophos Iprobenfos Profenofos Chlorpyrifos Ethion Methyl parathion Parathion Phorate	0.01 ppm 0.01 ppm 5.00 ppm 1.00 ppm 5.00 ppm 5.00 ppm 0.20 ppm 0.10 ppm
		Black pepper, garbled	09041130		
		Black pepper, ungarbled	09041140		
		Other (neither crushed or ground)	09041190		
		Pepper, crushed or ground	09041200		
	Fenugreek - whole & ground	Fenugreek (seed)	09109912	Triazophos Iprobenfos Profenofos Chlorpyrifos Ethion Methyl parathion Parathion Phorate	0.01 ppm 0.01 ppm 5.00 ppm 1.00 ppm 5.00 ppm 5.00 ppm 0.20 ppm 0.10 ppm
		Fenugreek (powder)	09109924		
		Other	09103090		
	<b>Australia &amp; New Zealand</b>	Chilli Whole	Fruits of the genus Capsicum	09042110	Aflatoxin Total
Chilli Powder & Chilli Products		Chilli powder	090422 11	Aflatoxin Total Sudan I-IV	15 ppb Not Detected
		Chilli seed	090422 12		
		Other (crushed or ground)	090422 19		
Curry Powder & Curry Masalas		Mixtures of 2/more products of different headings of 09.04-09.10	ex 09109100		
Curry Pastes		Curry paste	ex 21039010		
		Mixed, condiments and mixed seasoning	ex 21039040		
		Other	ex 21039090		

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	Turmeric Powder & Products (except sliced)	Powder (turmeric)	09103030	Sudan I-IV	Not Detected
		Other	09103090		
	Cumin Seeds #	Of seed quality (cumin, other than black)	09093121	Extraneous Matter	3.00% Max.
		Other	09093129	Other Seeds	0.25% Max.
Malaysia	Chilli Whole *	Fruits of the genus Capsicum	09042110	Aflatoxin B1	5 ppb
				Aflatoxin Total	10 ppb
	Chilli Powder & Chilli Products	Chilli powder	090422 11	Aflatoxin B1 Aflatoxin Total	5 ppb 10 ppb
		Chilli seed	090422 12		
		Other (crushed or ground)	090422 19		
	Curry Powder & Curry Masalas	Mixtures of 2/more products of different headings of 09.04-09.10	ex 09109100	Sudan I-IV	Not Detected
	Curry Pastes	Curry paste	ex 21039010		
		Mixed, condiments and mixed seasoning	ex 21039040		
		Other	ex 21039090		
	Cumin Seeds #	Of seed quality (cumin, other than black)	09093121	Extraneous Matter	3.00% Max.
Other		09093129			
Saudi Arabia	Small Cardamom	Small (elettaria), alleppey green (cardamom)	09083120	Acetamiprid Cyhalothrin (includes lambda cyhalothrin) Cypermethrin (including alpha and zeta)	0.1 ppm 2 ppm 3 ppm
		Small, coorg green (cardamom)	09083130		
		Small-bleached, half-bleached or bleachable (cardamom)	09083140		
		Small (mixed)	09083150		
		Other	09083190		

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		Powder	0908 32 10	cypermethrin) Profenofos Triazophos Dithiocarbamates	3 ppm 4 ppm 0.1 ppm	
		Small Cardamom seeds	0908 32 20			
		Cardamom husk	0908 32 30			
		Other cardamom crushed or ground	09083290			
		Chilli Whole	Fruits of the genus Capsicum	09042110	Aflatoxin Total	30 ppb
	Chilli Powder & Chilli Products		Chilli powder	090422 11	Aflatoxin Total	30 ppb
			Chilli seed	090422 12		
			Other (crushed or ground)	090422 19		
	Curry Powder & Masalas	Mixtures of 2/more products of different headings of 09.04-09.10	ex 09109100	Sudan I-IV	Not Detected	
	Curry Pastes	Curry paste	ex 21039010			
		Mixed, condiments and mixed seasoning	ex 21039040			
		Other	ex 21039090			
	Cumin Seeds #	Of seed quality (cumin, other than black)	09093121	Extraneous Matter	3.00% Max.	
Other		09093129	Other Seeds	0.25% Max.		
<b>South East Asian Countries (excluding Malaysia), Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and China</b>	Chilli Whole *	Fruits of the genus Capsicum	09042110	Aflatoxin Total	30 ppb	
	Chilli Powder & Chilli Products	Chilli powder	090422 11	Aflatoxin Total	30 ppb	
		Chilli seed	090422 12			
		Other (crushed or ground)	090422 19			
	Curry Powder & Masalas	Mixtures of 2/more products of different headings of 09.04-09.10	ex 09109100	Sudan I-IV	Not Detected	
Curry Pastes	Curry paste	ex 21039010				

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		Mixed, condiments and mixed seasoning	ex 21039040		
		Other	ex 21039090		
	Cumin Seeds #	Of seed quality (cumin, other than black)	09093121	Extraneous Matter	3.00% Max.
		Other	09093129	Other Seeds	0.25% Max
All other countries	Chilli Whole	Fruits of the genus Capsicum	09042110	Aflatoxin Total	30 ppb
	Chilli Powder & Chilli Products	Chilli powder	090422 11	Aflatoxin Total	30 ppb
		Chilli seed	090422 12		
		Other (crushed or ground)	090422 19		
	Curry Powder & Masalas	Mixtures of 2/more products of different headings of 09.04-09.10	ex 09109100	Aflatoxin Total	30 ppb
	Curry Pastes	Curry paste	ex 21039010	Sudan I-IV	Not Detected
		Mixed, condiments and mixed seasoning	ex 21039040		
		Other	ex 21039090		
	Cumin Seeds #	Of seed quality (cumin, other than black)	09093121	Extraneous Matter	3.00% Max.
		Other	09093129	Other Seeds	0.25% Max

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\* Container stuffing for export of Chilli Whole is permitted based on the 'Sample Drawn Certificate' provided by Spices Board for South East Asian countries (including Malaysia), Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Pakistan, Afghanistan and China.


# Container stuffing for export of Cumin Seeds is permitted based on the 'Sample Drawn Certificate' provided by Spices Board to all destinations except USA and Japan. In the case of USA and Japan, exports of Cumin seeds are permitted only with the Cleared Analytical Report OR No Objection Certificate (NOC) from Spices Board.

S Health Certificate (HC) / Official Certificate from Spices Board is required for entry to the EU & UK, for consignment of Chilli and Nutmeg, and for products containing Chilli, and Nutmeg in a quantity of above 20% (either as a single product or as the sum of these products). The Health Certificate will be issued by the Board based on the Cleared Analytical Report for level of Aflatoxin. In the case of RTE products, mandatory tests are required only in cases where HC is applicable (i.e. if the item contains Chilli and / or Nutmeg in a quantity of above 20%, either as a single product or as the sum of these products).

\*\* The Pesticide limits specified for Curry Powders, Curry Masalas and Curry pastes for Japan are applicable only for such products which have a quantity of Chilli & Chilli products of less than 20%. For Curry Powders, Curry Masalas and Curry Pastes which have a Chilli content of 20% and above, the Pesticide limits for Chilli and Chilli products shall apply.

'ex' Where only certain products under any ITC HS Code are to be tested and no specific subdivision under that ITC HS Code exist with description, the ITC HS Code is marked 'ex'.

The Mandatory Sampling & Testing of export consignments of Spices and Spice products does not apply to the consignments that are not intended to be placed on the market viz. trade samples, laboratory samples, display samples for exhibitions, samples that are part of passengers' personal luggage and are intended for personal consumption or use etc., unless their gross weight exceeds **30 kg**.

  
**DIRECTOR (MARKETING)**

