INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

World Trade Organization (WTO)

- WTO in brief
- WTO Structure
- Benefits of WTO
- Common misunderstanding about WTO

Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS)

- SPS Agreement
- List of National Notification Authorities
- List of SPS Enquiry Points

Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)

- TBT Agreement
- TBT Brochure 2015

ePingSPS & TBT notification alert system [http://www.epingalert.org/en]

Governments establish product requirements to achieve policy objectives such as the protection of human health or the environment. The WTO SPS and TBT Agreements try to ensure that these requirements do not create unnecessary obstacles to international trade. WTO Members are required to notify other Members before adopting new measures if these are likely to affect international trade and provide an opportunity for comments. ePing enables timely access to these notifications and facilitates dialogue amongst the public and private sector in addressing potential trade problems at an early stage.

Codex Alimentarius [http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/en/]

The Codex Alimentarius, or "Food Code" is a collection of standards, guidelines and codes of practice adopted by the Codex Alimentarius Commission. The Commission, also known as CAC, is the central part of the Joint FAO/WHO Food Standards Programme and was established by FAO and WHO to protect consumer health and promote fair practices in food trade. Codex standards ensure that food is safe and can be traded. The 188 Codex members have negotiated science based recommendations in all areas related to food safety and quality: food hygiene; maximum limits for food additives; residues of pesticides and veterinary drugs; and maximum limits and codes for the prevention of chemical and microbiological contamination. Codex food safety texts are a reference in WTO trade disputes.

Recognitions/MoUs/Agreements of EIC with Trading Partners

- European Commission Decision No.97-876-EC dated 23 December 1997-Marine Products from India
- European Commission Regulation (EC) No.972-2006 dated 29 June 2006- Basmati Rice
- MoU between EIC and USFDA-23032015
- Confidentiality Commitment between EIC and USFDA
- Korea Food and Drug Administration Authorization (30.12.2003)
- Agreement between EIC and BAFRA Bhutan
- EIC and FSVPS Russian Federation- Marine Products
- Indian-Russian Protocol -Dairy Products
- EIC and SLSI Sri Lanka
- EIC and AQSIQ China- Feed & Feed Ingredients
- Thailand- Recognition of EIC Certification
- USFDA-Black Pepper

Important Announcements/Information for Exporters

USA
- ✓ [US Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA)](#)
- ✓ [FSMA- Final Rule on Preventive Control for Human Food](#)
- ✓ [FSMA-Final Rule on Preventive Controls for Animal Food](#)
- ✓ [FSMA-Final Rule on Produce Safety](#)
- ✓ [FSMA-Foreign supplier Verification Program](#)
- ✓ [FSMA-Intentional Adulteration Final Rule](#)
- ✓ [FSMA-Third party Certification/Accredited Third Party Certification Program- Key Facts](#)

European Union
- [EU Regulation 2017-625 dated 15 March 2017- Official Control](#)
- [EC No.1107-2009-21102009](#)
- [EC Regulation 1272-2008](#)
- [Ensuring food is safe in the EU](#)
- [EU Animal Health Framework](#)
- [EU Legislation Animal Health Law](#)
- [EU Regulation 396-2005 dated 23022005](#)

Canada
- [Safe Food for Canadian Regulations](#)

General Announcements
- [BAFRA Bhutan Notification for EIC Health Certificate-14062017](#)
- [Suspension of import of some products in Algeria](#)
- [Positive List System of Pesticides in Korea and Pesticides MRLs](#)

Trade Statistics

[ITC TRADE MAP [http://www.trademap.org/Index.aspx]](http://www.trademap.org/Index.aspx)
Trade Map provides - in the form of tables, graphs and maps - indicators on export performance, international demand, alternative markets and competitive markets, as well as a directory of importing and exporting companies. Trade Map covers 220 countries and territories and 5300 products of the Harmonized System. The monthly, quarterly and yearly trade flows are available from the most aggregated level to the tariff line level.
[Export Import Data Bank [http://commerce.gov.in/eidb/default.asp]](http://commerce.gov.in/eidb/default.asp)
[Dashboard on Foreign Trade Data [http://dashboard-commerce.gov.in/]](http://dashboard-commerce.gov.in/)

Other important Links:
Indian Trade Portal [http://www.indiantradeportal.in/]
India Standards Portal [http://indiastandardsportal.org/]