



EXPORT INSPECTION COUNCIL

Assuring Quality and Food Safety of Exports from India



Chairman's Corner

As we present Issue 4, Volume I of the Export Inspection Council's (EIC) e-Newsletter, I am filled with optimism about our collective journey in the export trade. Our commitment to fostering effective communication and knowledge sharing remains more critical than ever.

Your contributions and feedback are invaluable, and I encourage each of you to actively engage with the content, share your perspectives, and collaborate in shaping the future of our export ecosystem.

In this issue, we will explore key developments, Global developments, capacity building initiatives enhancing our export capabilities. Together, let's continue strengthening our impact, embracing new opportunities, and navigating challenges with confidence.

Your engagement makes the difference. Let's move forward together!

Shri Rajesh Agrawal, IAS,
Additional Secretary, DoC & Chairman, EIC



Director's Corner

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Issue 4, Volume I of our quarterly EIC e-Newsletter-a reflection of our steadfast commitment to transparency, collaboration, and knowledge-sharing. As we continue to adapt to the ever-evolving global trade landscape, staying informed and connected is more crucial than ever.

The Export Inspection Council (EIC) remains dedicated to supporting exporters with regulatory clarity, quality assurance, and capacity-building initiatives. Your active engagement is vital in shaping this platform into a valuable resource for the export community. We encourage you to share your thoughts, challenges, and suggestions, as they help us refine our initiatives and better serve your needs. Let's work together to strengthen our network, embrace innovation, and build a future of shared growth and success.

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Regulatory Updates



Directive (EU) 2020/2184 on the quality of water intended for human consumption
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32020L2184>

C/2024/4910 Commission notice, Technical guidelines regarding methods of analysis for monitoring of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in water intended for human consumption - https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:C_202404910

Commission Regulation (EU) 2024/2895 of 20 November 2024 amending Regulation (EC) No 2073/2005 as regards to Listeria monocytogenes - https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L_202402895#:~:text=That%20Regulation%20provides%20for%20food,to%20its%20high%20fatality%20rate.

Global Developments

1. A delegation from the European Commission's Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety visited EIC and its approved fish and fishery establishments in November 2024. The purpose of the visit was to assess the Official Control System of EIC, as EU recognized the equivalence of EIC Certification.
2. A delegation from the European Commission's Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety visited EIC on September 27, 2024, to assess the control measures for pesticides in food of plant origin, especially in Rice and Capsicum peppers (excluding sweet varieties), intended for export to the European Union.
3. EIC's efforts pave the way for global market access:
Russia: Through continuous efforts, EIC facilitated the listing of three dairy establishments by the Russian Federation
Malaysia: Through continuous efforts, EIC facilitated the listing of two dairy establishments by Malaysia.
European Union: The European Union recognized two honey establishments and one animal casing establishment based on system-based approach of EIC.
China: China approved 12 new fishery establishments and renewed the listing of 19 fishery establishments in China Import Food Enterprises Registration (CIFER), granting a five-year extension.



International Engagements

1. Dr. Anoop A Krishnan, Assistant Director (Technical), participated in the 47th session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC46) held in Geneva, Switzerland, from November 25-30, 2024. The CAC46 approved a new work proposal for developing Guidance on Appeals Mechanism in the Context of Rejection of Imported Food, initially presented during the 27th Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS27) in Cairns, Australia (September 16-20, 2024). India will lead this initiative as Chair, with Nigeria, Australia, Chile, and Kenya serving as Co-Chairs.
2. Shri Wasi Asghar, Assistant Director (Technical), EIA-Kochi, virtually participated in the 14th plenary meeting of ISO/TC 34/SC 17 on Management Systems for Food Safety* held on 1st November 2024, as part of a two-member delegation representing India.
3. Shri Angshuman Saha, Assistant Director (Technical), virtually attended the technical meeting on - Statistics of Food Microbiology organized by ISO/TC 34/SC 9/WG 02 on November 28-29, 2024.
4. Dr. Aruna Kumar Mallick, Assistant Director (Technical), participated in the BTSF training on - Sampling & Analysis, Course 2b: Residues of Plant Protection Products (PPP), organized by the European Commission and the European Health and Digital Executive Agency (HADEA) in Athens, Greece, from October 14-25, 2024.



National Engagements

1. NFL Kolkata, FSSAI, and Biomerieux jointly organized a three-day training program on - Requirements and Global Challenges of Microbiological Analysis in Food Testing Labs from December 19-21 in Kolkata. The event saw participation from around 100 experts from state food labs, FSSAI-approved labs, and academia. Shri Angshuman Saha, Assistant Director (Technical), and Shri Anukul Das, Technical Officer, EIA Kolkata, delivered technical presentations on Measurement Uncertainty and Method Verification, alongside speakers from the ISO Technical Committee, French Embassy, Microbial Type Culture Collection and Gene Bank (MTCC), and National Institute of Cholera and Enteric Diseases (NICED), Kolkata.



Capacity Building/Outreach Programs

1. EIA Kochi organized a training programme for Technologists on - Microbiological testing, G.O.I Notification, EIC Executive Instruction & Regulations of Importing Countries of Fish & Fishery products during 30 December 2024 to 3 January 2025, at EIA - Kochi.
2. Export Inspection Agency-Chennai Organized a - Two (02) days training for Antibiotic Determination using Various Techniques with a special emphasis to ELISA Screening & Validation | during 17 to 18 December, 2024 at Chennai.
3. EIA-Chennai is organizing a | 05 days Training Programme for Microbiological Testing for Export of Fish and Fishery Products, during 9 to 13 December, 2024 at Chennai.
4. Export Inspection Agency-Kochi in association with Seafood Exporters Association of India (SEAI)-Kerala Region, organized "Interaction Session with Exporters of Fish & Fishery Products to facilitate trade" on 28 October 2024 at Seafood House, Willingdon Island, Kochi.
5. As a technical expert, Shri. Peer Mohammed, Assistant Director, Export Inspection Agency- Chennai delivered a session on Export Orientation Training for Train the Trainers of Tamilnadu Organic Certification Department on Agriculture Commodities organized by the TNAPEx, Tamilnadu at Chennai on 24.10.2024
6. The Quarterly Hindi Workshop was held on December 30, 2024, at the Export Inspection Agency Kolkata Head Office, chaired by Shri Manoranjan Manthan, Deputy Director (In-charge). Shri Rishikesh Rai, Deputy Director (Official Language) from the Tea Board, Kolkata, participated as a guest lecturer.
7. EIA Mumbai organized hands-on microbiology training on Microbiological & Chemical Testing, G.O.I Notification, EIC Executive Instruction & Regulations of Importing Countries of fish and fishery products for Technologists during 21 to 25 October, 2024.
8. EIA-Kochi organized five-day(21-25 October 2024) Technologists Training Programme on Microbiological & Chemical Testing, G.O.I Notification, EIC Executive Instruction & Regulations of Importing Countries of Black Pepper, with objective to sensitize the technologist in complying effectively with requirement of importing country.
9. Shri. Jose Fernandez, Technical Officer from EIA-Kochi, Sub Office: Kollam gave a presentation on "Export Inspection & Certification Procedures" during the technical session of FPOs/Exporters Conclave' on 15th October 2024 at Thiruvananthapuram organized by APEDA
10. Dr. Susan Morris, Principal Advisor (Residue Assurance) at the Ministry for Primary Industries, New Zealand, conducted an interactive session on September 23, 2024, discussing analytical challenges and emerging techniques in the analysis of antibiotic residues. As part of capacity building, EIC has organized seventeen capacity building programs from October to December 2024, including hands-on practical sessions focusing on analysis of various emerging residue and contaminants in various food commodities at its International Training Centre for Food Safety & Applied Nutrition (ITCFSAN), Mumbai which benefited a total of 188 laboratory analysts.



Upcoming Events/Training Programs

EIC plans to conduct both hands-on and virtual training programs in the field of Inspection, Certification, and Testing. These programs will cover topics such as Sampling, Laboratory Analysis, Certificates of Origin (CoO), EU Regulations, and Export Requirements for various notified commodities. The training sessions will be organized through EIC's field offices at EIA- Mumbai, Chennai, Kochi, Kolkata, and Delhi, and also in collaboration with FIEO and ITCFSAN, during the period from January to March 2025.

For more information may click:- Outreach Programme Calendar 2024-25 by visiting <https://www.eicindia.gov.in/WebApp/pages/menuInfo/newsAndEvents.xhtml>

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