



EXPORT INSPECTION COUNCIL

Assuring Quality and Food Safety of Exports from India



From the Desk of the Director

This edition highlights a phase of steady progress of the Export Inspection Council (EIC) in strengthening India's export inspection and certification framework. Continued engagement with global regulators, including the visit of the Singapore Food Agency, reflects growing confidence in India's food safety and animal health control systems.

A key milestone during the period was the approval of 102 additional Indian fishery establishments by European Union, significantly enhancing seafood export opportunities and reaffirming the credibility of EIC/EIA systems. Parallel progress with China and the Russian Federation further underscores sustained efforts of EIC in expanding global market access for Indian Products.

Capacity building remained a priority, with international collaboration, such as the FAO-supported advanced training on pesticide residue analysis strengthening technical expertise and laboratory capabilities.

Nationally, participation of EIC in major exhibitions, conferences, and policy forums, along with high-level visits and new laboratory initiatives, enabled meaningful engagement with stakeholders and reinforced regulatory awareness.

EIC officers continued to be resource persons across platforms, sharing insights on international standards, SPS/TBT measures, export certification, and credible testing key elements for export readiness and international compliance.

Looking ahead, EIC will continue its outreach through hands-on and virtual training programs across its field offices, supporting safe, compliant, and globally trusted food exports.

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Regulatory Updates



COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2025/1891 of 17 September 2025 amending Regulation (EU) 2023/915 as regards maximum levels of inorganic arsenic in fish and other seafood
https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ.L_202501891

Global Developments

1. Singapore Food Agency (SFA) team visit to India's Poultry Processing Establishments and Export Inspection Agency Laboratory to understand Official Controls of Food Safety and Animal Health System, part of review to facilitate export trade.



2. EIC's efforts pave the way for global market access:



European Union: A major achievement of the EIC/ EIAs in September 2025 was the approval of 102 new fishery establishments by European Union from India. This development significantly boosted the country's seafood export sector and highlighted the EIC's critical role in ensuring compliance with international standards, protecting public health, and strengthening India's global trade reputation.



People's Republic of China: Through the continuous efforts of the EIC, GACC has listed Six new fishery establishments on the website of GACC.



Russian Federation: Through persistent efforts by the EIC, the scope of activities for 20 fish and fishery establishments has been successfully aligned by Russian authorities with the scope approved by the EIC, expanding the scope of exports.

International Engagements

1. A prestigious 5-Days Advanced Hands-On Training on Pesticide Residue Detection in Foodstuffs using GC-MS/MS was conducted from 08th to 12th September 2025, by Export Inspection Council (EIC) with funding support from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) at ITCFSAN, Mumbai. The training program was part of ongoing efforts towards capacity building and South-South cooperation, aimed at strengthening technical expertise in pesticide residue analysis across food safety laboratories in the region.



2. Dr. J.S. Reddy, Additional Director, EIC, delivered a session on Importing Countries' Requirements & Export Certification Challenges at the Specialised Training on Standards, Regulations & WTO SPS/TBT (16-25 July), under the ITEC of the Ministry of External Affairs organized by Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) on 17 July 2025



National Engagements

1. Shri Nitin Kumar Yadav, IAS, Director (EIC) and Additional Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, inaugurated New Microbiology Laboratory and visited Molecular and Chemical Laboratory at the Export Inspection Agency (EIA), Kochi on 11 September 2025.



2. Dr. Sridhar Dharmapuri, Senior Food Safety and Nutrition Officer at the FAO Regional Office for the Asia-Pacific in Bangkok, Thailand visited the Export Inspection Council, New Delhi on 26th September 2025 and appreciated the contribution of EIC towards global food safety.

3. The Export Inspection Council (Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Govt. of India) participated and set up stall at Seafood Expo Bharat 2025 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu during 1 - 3 July, 2025 at Chennai Trade Centre. A wide spectrum of stakeholders including aqua farmers, hatchery operators and feed millers to aquaculture equipment manufacturers, seafood processors, exporters, investors, and policy makers visited EIC Stall.



4. Mr. Nitin Y. Meshram, Deputy Director (Tech.), Export Inspection Council, chaired a panel discussion on 'Market Linkages, FPO Empowerment & Export Readiness' under Smart Post-Harvest Strategies: Value Enhancement, Loss Reduction & Supply Chain Efficiency. The session was organized by the Agriculture Skill Council of India along with the Centres of Excellence for Agriculture and Horticulture Skills on 5th August 2025.



5. Sh. N. Palanikumar, Assistant Director (Technical), EIC delivered the session on "An overview on International Standards: MRLs, SPS Measures, USFDA / EU Regulations " as a part of FICSI- FIEO five days certificate training program at Niryat Bhawan on 27 August 2025.



6. Dr. J. S. Reddy, Additional Director, as Panellist @ National Conference on Agricultural Exports organised by Reserve Bank of India, College of Agricultural Banking Pune. Conference brought together senior policy makers, financial institutions, industry experts, and researchers to deliberate on strategies for strengthening India's agricultural exports on 21 August 2025.



7. Dr. J. S. Reddy, Additional Director, EIC, actively participated in key international forums held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, in September 2025. He delivered a talk on "Food Safety Standards of Fishery Products for Export" at the Global Food Regulators Summit 2025 on 27 September 2025. On 25 September 2025, Dr. Reddy was a panellist in the technical session "Aquaculture in India: Opportunities and Challenges" at the International Seafood Show 2025 where he shared insights on regulatory perspectives and growth opportunities in India's aquaculture and seafood export sector.



8. Dr. Anoop A Krishnan, Assistant Director (Technical), Export Inspection Council, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, delivered a TED Talk on 'Credible Testing for Resilient Trade' at the 19th CII-FSSAI State Connect in New Delhi. He emphasized "Credible testing is the foundation of trust in food safety, accredited labs, skilled analysts, and transparent practices turn confidence into action and safeguard both consumers and markets.





Capacity Building/Outreach Programs

1. Export Inspection Agency- Kolkata Laboratory organized five day hands on training program on Microbiological testing, GOI notification, Executive Instructions & regulations on processing and packing of fish and fishery products for export” for the technologists during 04th to 08th August 2025 at EIA Kolkata



2. Export Inspection Agency (EIA) – Chennai, Sub Office Visakhapatnam successfully conducted a two-day training programme on “Seafood HACCP” during 23 - 24 September 2025. The programme focused on enhancing food safety compliance in seafood exports. A total of 25 technologists from approved seafood establishments in the Visakhapatnam and Kakinada regions benefited.



3. EIA-Kochi organised a Two Day Training Program for FFP establishments on "Analysis of antibiotics using ELISA technique in AquacultureProducts" during 28-29 August 2025 by EIA-Kochi.



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 ITCFSAN, FIEO, etc.

For more information may click- Outreach Programme Calendar 2025-26 by visiting <https://www.eicindia.gov.in/WebAppI/pages/menuInfo/newsAndEvents.xhtml>

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