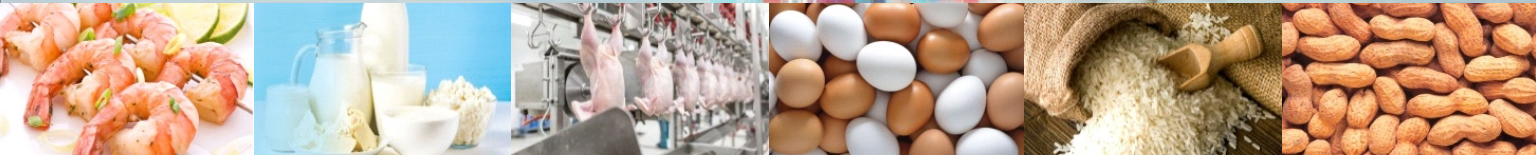




EXPORT INSPECTION COUNCIL

Assuring Quality and Food Safety of Exports from India



Chairman's Corner



As we launch Issue 1, Volume II of the Export Inspection Council e-Newsletter, I am filled with renewed optimism about the road ahead in our export journey. Our shared commitment to fostering transparency, communication, and knowledge-sharing continues to be the cornerstone of a resilient and forward-looking export ecosystem.

This edition highlights key global and domestic developments, along with capacity-building initiatives aimed at enhancing our export readiness and compliance. Each article reflects our ongoing efforts to stay aligned with international standards and to empower stakeholders across the valuechain.

I urge all readers to actively engage with the content, share insights, and collaborate in shaping the future of our export landscape. Your feedback and participation are essential in driving meaningful progress.

Let us continue to embrace opportunities, address challenges with resolve, and strengthen our collective impact together.

Shri Rajesh Agrawal, IAS
Special Secretary, DoC and Chairman, EIC

Director's Corner



It is my pleasure to welcome you to Issue 1, Volume II of our quarterly EIC e-Newsletter. I continued reflection of our commitment to transparency, collaboration, and knowledge-sharing.

As we navigate an increasingly dynamic global trade environment, staying informed and connected remains more important than ever. At the Export Inspection Council (EIC), we remain steadfast in our mission to support exporters through regulatory clarity, robust quality assurance, and impactful capacity-building initiatives. This platform is designed to keep you updated on key developments while fostering dialogue within the export community.

Your engagement plays a crucial role in making this initiative meaningful. We invite you to share your perspectives, challenges, and ideas to help us refine our efforts and better serve the evolving needs of the sector.

Let us continue to strengthen our collective efforts, embrace innovation, and build a resilient and successful future for Indian exports together.

Shri Nitin Kumar Yadav, IAS
Additional Secretary, DoC and Director, EIC

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Regulatory Updates



Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/2052 of 30 July 2024 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/808 as regards its scope and certain performance criteria of analytical methods for residues of pharmacologically active substances used in food-producing animals
https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ-L_202402052

Global Developments

1. The EIC facilitated the visit of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) team to India on 22-01-2025, for an assessment of the Foreign State Food Safety System for manufactured food products.

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

European Union: Through continuous efforts of the EIC, the European Union listed four (04) new fishery establishments, relisted one delisted establishment in the month of January 2025 & listed nineteen (19) new fishery establishments and one (01) new cold storage on TRACES in the month of February 2025.

People's Republic of China: P. R. China approved & listed five (05) new fishery establishments on China Import Food Enterprises Registration (CIFER) in the month of March 2025.

Great Britain: Great Britain listed fifteen (15) new EIC approved fishery establishments and four (04) new cold storages in the month of January 2025.

International Engagements

1. Shri. Nitin Kumar Yadav, IAS, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce and Director (I&QC), EIC visited Kathmandu, Nepal as a member of Indian Delegation for the India Nepal Intergovernmental Committee Meeting (IGC)
2. Ms. Parul, Technical Officer, EIA-Mumbai, participated in the BTSF Training on "Mycotoxins: Sampling and Analysis TS07" organized by the European Commission at Istituto Superiore Di Sanita', Rome, Italy from February 10-21, 2025
3. Shri Angshuman Saha, Assistant Director (Technical), EIA-Kolkata virtually attended the technical meeting on Project group on classification of sample types - Annex A" organized by ISO/TC34/SC9/WG03 on 9th January 2025.

National Engagements

1. The Export Inspection Council (EIC) proudly under the guidance of Shri Rajesh Agrawal, IAS Additional Secretary, DoC and Chairman, EIC and Shri. Nitin Kumar Yadav, IAS, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce and Director (I&QC), EIC marked its Anniversary celebration on 1 January, 2025, commemorating decades of dedicated service in ensuring the quality, safety, and compliance of Indian exports to global markets. The anniversary celebration, brought together a distinguished gathering of government officials, industry leaders, exporters, and quality assurance professionals. This milestone event highlighted EIC's pivotal role in strengthening India's trade ecosystem through its robust inspection and certification framework. The celebration featured insightful keynote addresses, panel discussions on the future of quality assurance in global trade, and an exhibition showcasing innovations in export inspection and testing.



2. Export Inspection Council, New Delhi participated in the INDUS FOOD by exhibiting its activities from 8-10 January 2025 at Exposition Mart, Greater Noida, NCR, New Delhi. A Number of participating delegates sought the guidance of EIC on the process of export certification.



3. Shri Angshuman Saha, Assistant Director, EIA Kolkata, played a pivotal role in delivering technical expertise as part of the three-day training program organized by FSSAI on "Measurement Uncertainty and Method Verification as per ISO Method in Food Microbiology" held during 13-14 January 2025 at FDA Bhawan, New Delhi,



4. Export Inspection Agency - Kochi, Sub Office - Kollam was awarded the First Prize for Official Language Implementation during 2023-24 in the Category C (less than 10 employees) from the Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

5. Export Inspection Agency - Kochi, Sub Office Mangaluru was awarded the Rajbhasha Shield by TOLIK-Mangaluru for securing the third prize in the Central Government Office (less than 10 employees) category for the year 2023-24.

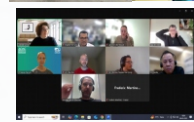


6. Sh. Sudhansu Sekhar Das, Assistant Director, EIA-Chennai, S.O-Visakhapatnam delivered lecture on "Importance of certification and testing of goods for export" during Buyer-Seller meet arranged by FIEO at Visakhapatnam on 19 February 2025. Importers from 15 different countries attended the session.

7. Ms Shoba A, Deputy Director (T), Export Inspection Agency, Bengaluru addressed the exporters during the session on Export Awareness Program on CoO, Post Verification & REX registration organized by the EIC with FIEO on February 21, 2025.



8. Ms. Pappi Khawas, Deputy Director (T), Export Inspection Agency, Kolkata addressed the exporters during the session on "Requirements of Export Certification for different food products" jointly organized by the EIC and FIEO on March 7, 2025 in FIEO Eastern Region Office.





Capacity Building/Outreach Programs

1. The Export Inspection Agency (EIA) Kochi and EIA Kolkata organized a five-day training programmes for Technologists on "Microbiological Testing, Government of India Notifications, EIC Executive Instructions, and Regulations of Importing Countries on Processing and Packing of Fish and Fishery Products for Export." The training was conducted at EIA-Kochi from 17 to 21 February 2025 and at EIA-Kolkata Laboratory from 17 to 21 March 2025. The programmes aimed to enhance the technical knowledge and regulatory understanding of personnel involved in the inspection and certification of fish and fishery products for export.



2. The Export Inspection Agencies at Kochi and Kolkata organized training programmes focused on the analysis of antibiotic residues in aquaculture and fishery products using the ELISA technique. EIA-Kolkata Laboratory conducted a two-day training from 6th to 7th March 2025. The EIA-Kochi organized a two-day training programme on from 26th to 27th March 2025. These programmes aimed to build technical capacity among analysts and technologists in accurate screening, validation, and regulatory compliance in antibiotic residue testing.

3. Export Inspection Agencies at Kochi and Mumbai organized awareness and training programmes for exporters on the Registered Exporter System (REX) and the issuance of Certificate of Origin (CoO) under the EU-GSP scheme. EIA-Kochi conducted an in-person training session on 28th March 2025, focusing on the REX system and procedures for obtaining the Certificate of Origin. On the same day, EIA-Mumbai organized an online awareness programme covering the REX system, submission of CoO applications through the Trade Connect 2.0 portal, and key aspects of EU-GSP compliance. These programmes aimed to enhance exporters' understanding of certification procedures and streamline export documentation processes.



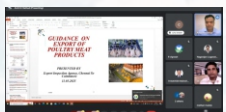
4. Sh. S.S. Chauhan, Deputy Director (Tech) and Sh. Laxman Meena, Assistant Director (Tech), EIA-Delhi delivered an Online Webinar on: "Guidance on Export of Basmati Rice from India" on 29th January 2025 as a part of outreach program organized by EIC and ITCFSAN.

5. The Export Inspection Agencies in Mumbai and Chennai organized awareness and training programmes to strengthen exporters' understanding of sampling and testing procedures for fish and fishery products. EIA-Mumbai conducted a virtual training on "Sampling Plan and Procedure for Fish and Fishery Products" on 21st March 2025, which saw participation from around 200 exporters. The EIA-Chennai Sub Office Tuticorin organized a one-day training programme on "Sampling and Testing Methods in Fish & Fishery Products for Export and Quality Control Assurance in Antibiotic/Histamine Testing using ELISA." on 19 March 2025. These programmes aimed to improve compliance with export quality standards and enhance technical awareness among stakeholders.



6. EIA-Mumbai organised an awareness training program for the exporters on CSFP, VCS and Milk and Milk Products Certification Scheme by virtual mode on 26.03.2025. A total of 150 participants have been attended the training programme.

7. Training on Seafood HACCP and Awareness program on National/Importing countries requirements for Health Certification of F&FP export was provided on 28.01.2025



8. Awareness programme on Export of fresh poultry meat and poultry meat products - Guidance on Export of Poultry meat products conducted by EIA-Chennai, S.O - Coimbatore on 12.03.2025



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 during the period from April 2025 to March 2026.

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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