

**Scheme for Inspection and Certification for export of specified
Agricultural & Food Products to Republic of Korea**

1. INTRODUCTION

Korea Food & Drug Administration (KFDA) under their 'Approved Foreign Authorized Inspection Organization Scheme, after an assessment of the facilities by a team of KFDA officials, has approved 4 EIAs namely EIA-Mumbai, EIA-Cochin, EIA-Chennai and EIA-Kolkata for inspection and certification of various agriculture and food products. Details of the Export Inspection Agencies (EIAs) including their approval range of products are given in Annexure-I. As a result of the approval, the above-mentioned EIAs are competent to issue Inspection Certificates for specified food products exported to Korea. In order to execute the Inspection & Certification, a detailed procedure is laid down in this scheme.

2. SCOPE

This scheme envisages issuance of an inspection certificate upon testing of food products by labs working under the jurisdiction of EIA-Mumbai / Kochi / Chennai / Kolkata for export to Republic of Korea. These certificates would be accepted by Korean authorities on arrival of these commodities in Korea.

All exporters exporting agricultural and food products listed in Annexure-I to Republic of Korea and requiring Inspection Certificate/Health Certificate may apply to the concerned EIAs under this scheme.

3. CRITERIA FOR COMPLIANCE

Inspection/Testing of the agricultural and food products would be carried out in accordance with the terms of method of examination contained in the Food Law of Republic of Korea or the method of examination of CODEX Regulations, AOAC or PAM. In case test methods different than the above-mentioned are used, the same shall be described in detail in the test report / inspection certificate.

For the products listed under Annexure-I, which are otherwise notified under Export (Quality Control & Inspection) Act,1963 (22 of 1963); the basis of inspection shall be as notified but not below or less stringent than the Food Laws of the Republic of Korea.

For certifying product quality, both consignment-wise inspection (CWI) or system approach (IPQC & FSMSC) can be followed.

4. PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED FOR CWI FOR INSPECTION / TESTING: -

4.1 Application by exporter

- 4.1.1 The exporters seeking Inspection/Health certificate shall submit their application for inspection, in triplicate to the concerned EIA (Annexure-II).
- 4.1.2 Application shall be accompanied with a copy of the technical specification as per the export contract; pricing and other details may be blanked out.
- 4.1.3 The application shall be accompanied by an inspection fee, as applicable (Refer Clause-6 below) in the form of a demand draft/cheque drawn in favour of EIA concerned.
- 4.1.4 The application shall be given not less than two days before the inspection is to be carried out if the premises is situated at the same station as office of EIA; and not less than 5 days before the inspection is to be carried out for premises which are not situated at the same station, where the EIA is located.

4.2 INSPECTION

- 4.2.1 On receipt of intimation, the concerned office of EIA shall depute its officer to inspect the consignment at the premises indicated by the exporter. Exporter availing of these facilities would provide adequate facilities for the inspection including drawing, preparation and sealing of the samples.
- 4.2.2 In addition to this, the agency shall have the right to reassess the quality of the consignment at any place of storage, in transit or at the port before the actual shipment.

4.3 SAMPLING

- 4.3.1 For the purpose of testing of consignment with reference to the standard specifications as mentioned at clause-3, samples in duplicate shall be drawn from each lot offered for inspection by the designated EIA official based on sampling procedure.
- 4.3.2 The samples drawn must be sealed in presence of exporter so that any unauthorized opening is detectable. Both samples shall be given an identification tag carrying the following information:
 - Date of sampling.
 - Lots size with batch – number.
 - Sample weight.
 - Name and designation of the sampling officer.

- 4.3.3 One sample shall be given to the exporter, while the second sample shall be sent to EIA laboratory for testing as per the specifications prescribed. The exporters' sample will be analyzed only in case of dispute.

4.4 TESTING

- 4.4.1 Lab sample shall be brought by EIA official and handed over to EIA laboratory or sent by courier with due acknowledgement in case the inspection is done by EIA sub-office but shall in no case be left with the exporter.
- 4.4.2 Lab samples shall be tested for all parameters given in the specification prescribed in clause-3.

5. PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED FOR SYSTEMS APPROACH

- A.** Units already approved under IPQC/FSMSC scheme for the products listed in annexure-I shall stand approved for exporting those products to Republic of Korea subject to the following conditions:
- i) Before issue of certificate of inspection, the 1st and thereafter every fifth consignment (of the same product) meant for export to Republic of Korea will be subject to spot check and the samples will be brought to EIA lab for carrying out the stipulated tests. In case of any failure of samples tested / drawn during spot checks, the Agency shall subject all subsequent consignments to spot checks till such time three consecutive consignments are found conforming to the prescribed specifications.
 - ii) EIA Head or in his absence Deputy Director in charge of the food scheme, on the basis of the tests report submitted by the approved units, shall issue Certificate of Inspection for every lot exported to Republic of Korea.
- B.** Units applying afresh for approval shall be governed by the current FSMSC scheme in operation.

6. FEE STRUCTURE

For products covered under compulsory export inspection, fee, in addition to what is normally charged, would be charged only for additional tests (as actual) and Health Certificate/ Certificate of Inspection issued. For other products, in case of CWI an Inspection and Testing Fee @ 0.5% of the FOB would be charged by the EIA subject to a minimum of Rs.1, 000/- per consignment along with actual testing charges. It shall be paid in advance by the exporter in the form of Demand Draft/Cheque drawn in favour of EIA concerned.

For products exported by units approved under IPQC/FSMSC scheme, an inspection fee @ 0.20 % of FOB would be charged by the EIAs along with the actual testing charges, if any.

7. PROCEDURE FOR ISSUANCE OF INSPECTION CERTIFICATE

7.1 Authorized Signatory:

Under the scheme, inspection certificate would be signed by the Head of the Export Inspection Agency or in his absence by Deputy Director In- charge of the food scheme.

7.2 Issue of inspection certificate:

For issuing an inspection certificate, EIAs will use the form No.2 of approval standard of inspection certificate and procedures (Annexure-III). Certificate shall be issued in triplicate with the original meant for KFDA and one copy each for exporter and concerned EIA.

8. RECORD MAINTENANCE

A separate record of consignments meant for Korea accompanied by Inspection Certificate / Health Certificate would be maintained by each EIA and a monthly return in the format provided in Annexure-IV would be sent by all the EIAs.

In addition to above, the following records shall be maintained by the Exporters/EIAs:

- a) Exporters shall maintain the record of consignments exported to Republic of Korea along with their test reports, which would be accessible to EIA officers during their visits to these units.
- b) Exporting Units should have in-house facilities for inspection and testing. They should also have qualified and competent personnel for conducting physical, chemical and microbiological tests.
- c) The relevant specifications recognised by KFDA against which food products for export to Korea to be tested should be maintained by exporters as well as EIAs.

Annexure-I

Approved Authorized Foreign Inspection Agency

Country	Number	Name of Agency	Location	Approval range
India	No.46	Pilot Test House, Export Inspection Agency- Mumbai.	E-3, MIDC Area, Marol, Andheri (East), Mumbai-400093	Frozen marine products (excluded globefish poison, paralyzing poison from marine products, tar color)
	No.47	Export Inspection Agency- Cochin.	Rose Marie, Thoppumpady, (Lab), Cochin-682005.	Frozen marine products (excluded globefish poison, paralyzing poison from marine products, tar color), processed spice goods, processed nuts, supplementary health tea (excluded residual agricultural chemical), honey.
	No.48	Export Inspection Agency- Chennai	213, Royapettah High Road, Chennai- 600014.	Frozen marine products (excluded globefish poison, paralyzing poison from marine products, tar color), processed spice goods, beverage, supplementary health tea (excluded residual agricultural chemical), honey, processed marine products.
	No.49	Export Inspection Agency- Kolkata.	14/1B, Ezra Street, World Trade Centre, Laboratory 10 th Floor Kolkata- 700 001	Jam, preserved goods, sauce, sugar syrup, edible oil and fat.

Notice of Intimation for Export Certification for KFDA

Exporters' Business Name, Address and Contact Numbers		Invoice number & date		Exporter's reference	
		Buyer's order number & date			
		To The Export Inspection Agency – Chennai / Kochi / Kolkata / Mumbai (Address of the Agency / sub – office to which application is being submitted)			
Manufacturer's Name, Address and Contact Numbers		Please inspect the consignment detailed herein and issue a certificate of inspection under the Import Inspection Scheme of Sri Lanka.			
Details of the manufacturer's seal, if any		*Please debit the inspection fee from our pass book account number			
		*Bank draft / banker's cheque number dated for Rs.drawn on is enclosed as inspection fee.			
Inspection required on		Weekly Holiday		Address where consignment is to be inspected	
Vessel / Flight Number		Port of loading			
Probable date of loading		Date of sailing / flight			
Marks and numbers	Number and kind of packages	Description of goods**		Quantity	FOB Value (IRs.)
Contractual requirements, as stipulated in the export contract including approved samples, if any, with characteristics [†]					
Other relevant information					
<p>Declaration</p> <p>*Certified that the goods mentioned above have been manufactured / produced to satisfy the conditions relating to quality control applicable to them under the "Export Certification for KFDA" scheme of EIC.</p> <p>Certified that the goods mentioned above conform to</p> <p>Certified that no additional technical or quality requirement – other than those mentioned above – are applicable to the goods mentioned above.</p> <p>*Certified that the goods were offered previously for inspection vide intimation number dated and the defects pointed out earlier have been rectified.</p>					
				Place and date, Signature and stamp of the authorized signatory	

* Delete whichever is not applicable
[†] Attach separate sheet (s), if required.

** Description shall include grade, size and brand, if any
[@] Indicate the relevant Sri Lanka Standard

Annexure-III

INSPECTION CERTIFICATE					
NO. OF ISSUANCE		DATE OF SUBMISSION			
ISSUING COUNTRY		DATE OF INSPECTION			
	NAME		NAME OF COMPANY		
APPLICANT	ADDRESS (OR LOCATION)				
	TEL. NO. AND FAX NO.				
	ADDRESS (OR LOCATION)				
IMPORTER	TEL.NO. AND FAX NO.				
	NAME OF FOOD		IMPORT QUANTITY (TOTAL QUANTITY) KG.	PACKING UNIT	
SHIPPING AREA BY AIR OR SEA			TRANSPORTATION METHOD		
MANUFACTURING CODE			DATE OF MANUFACTURING		
NAME OF PRODUCTS			SHELF LIFE		
COLLECTING FOOD AREA			DATE OF COLLECTING FOOD		
TEST LIST	TEST METHOD	TEST STANDARD	TEST RESULT	REMARKS	
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE STATEMENTS ARE TRUE					
<p>YEAR MONTH DATE</p>					
ADDRESS OF OFFICAL LABORATORY :					
NAME OF OFFICIAL LABORATORY :					
SEAL					
NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE OF OFFICIAL LABORATORIES :					
SIGNATURE					

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Name of the Agency:.....

No. of consignments offered	No. of consignments cleared	No. of consignments rejected	Total FOB value	Total fee recd.