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Certification Scheme for Fruit Products (CSFP) under Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963

The Government of India had subjected the Fruit Products to quality control and inspection prior to export under Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963 vide Notification S.O.1420 dated 13 May 1978 and notified Export of Fruit Products (Quality Control and Inspection) Rules, 1978 vide Notification S.O. 1421 dated 13 May, 1978. Notification S.O.1422 dated 13 May 1978 had notified Office of Director of Fruits and Vegetable Preservation in the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation (Department of Food), as the agency to exercise the Quality Control and Inspection of Fruit Products prior to export. Department of Commerce, Government of India vide notification S.O.1626 (E) dated 14.07.2011 rescinded S.O.1422 dated 13 May 1978 and also notified Export of Fruit Products (Quality Control & Inspection) Amendment Rules, 2011 vide notification S.O.1627 (E) dated 14.07.2011 by virtue of which Export Inspection Agencies (EIAs) of Export Inspection Council were notified as the agency to exercise quality control and inspection for fruit products prior to export, by replacing Director of Fruits and Vegetable Preservation. The amendment rules also included changes in procedure for inspection and fee structure. The Certification Scheme for Fruits Products is being implemented w.e.f. March, 2012 as per Executive Instruction Document No. EIC/CSFP-Ex. Instructions/2011-12-Issue1.

In the context of above scheme, it is hereby clarified that:

- Government of India vide notifications S.O.929 (E) dated 04.12.1990 and S.O.481 (E) & S.O. 482(E) both dated 25.07.1991 relaxed the condition of certification of fruit products prior to export in cases:
 - ✓ Units set up in Export Processing Zones, Free Trade Zones and 100% Export Oriented Units approved by Central Government
 - ✓ The exporter has a firm letter from the overseas buyer stating that the overseas buyer does not require pre-shipment inspection from any official Indian inspection agencies, which shall be filed by the exporter before the custom authorities at the port of shipment.
 - ✓ Star Trading Houses, Trading Houses and Export Houses recognized by the Central Government
- The above mentioned relaxations are still applicable in case of fruit products and if an exporter is qualified under these relaxations, it is not mandatory for the exporter to approach Export Inspection Agencies (EIAs) of EIC for certificate of export.
- However, in case the above relaxations are not applicable, no agency/organization other than EIAs of EIC is authorized to issue export worthiness certificate/health certificate for fruit products meant for export.

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