

ORDER

New Delhi, the 4th August, 1997

S.O. 2077- Whereas, for the development for the export trade of India, certain proposals for subjecting Egg Products in Quality Control and Inspection prior to export were publishes as required by sub-rule (2) of rule 11 of the Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Rules, 1964 in the dated 20th February, 1997.

2. And, whereas, the objections and suggestions were invited from all persons likely to be affected thereby, within a period of forty five days of the date of publication of the said order in the Official Gazette.

3. And whereas, the copies of the said Gazette were made available to the public on 20th day of February 1997.

4. Whereas, the objections and suggestions received from the public on the said draft have been considered by the Central Government.

5. And whereas, it is necessary to maintain the highest quality standards and stipulate health requirements that would encompass the standards prescribed in European Economic Community (EEC) Directives 89/437/EEC dated 20.6.1989, the United States Department of Agriculture (ESDA) regulations etc.

6. Whereas, health requirements should be laid down for the production storage and transport of egg products, whereas, in particular, it is important that rules be laid down governing the approval of establishment.

7. Whereas, it is important also that the health requirements to be met by egg products be laid down.

8. Whereas, it is the responsibility primarily of the processors to ensure that egg products meet the health requirements laid down in this order whereas, the competent authority must by carrying out quality control, inspection and monitoring see to it that processors comply with the above mentioned requirements; whereas, the rules governing these quality control, inspections and monitoring must take account of the demands of the international market.

9. Whereas, a random check must be made to detect the presence of residues of substances liable to be harmful to human health.

10. And, whereas, provisions should, therefore, be made for procedure for monitoring to ensure the above conditions of equivalence with reference to the requirements of the importing countries.

11. And, whereas, Central Government nominated Competent Authority should ensure the effective compliance of the quality standards in the Country.

12. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 6 of the Export Inspection Council (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963 (22 of 1963). Central Government after consultation the Export Inspection Council being of the opinion that it is necessary and expedient to do so for the development of the export trade of India. Hereby:

- (a) notifies that the egg products shall be subjected to quality control, inspection and monitoring prior to export.
- (b) specified the type of quality control, inspection and monitoring shall be in accordance with the Export of Egg products (Quality, Control , Inspection and Monitoring) Rules. 1997 as the type of Quality Control , Inspection and Monitoring which will be applied to such egg products prior to export , to the countries as specified in the notification.
- (c) recognizes the specifications:-
 - (i) National and International Standards and standards of other bodies recognized by the Export Inspection Council.
 - (ii) The specifications declared by the exporter to be the agreed specifications of the export contract between buyer and the exporter, specified in clause (i) above.
- (d) Prohibits, the export of Egg products by a unit in the course of International Trade which includes European Union (EU) and United States of America (USA) unless it conforms to be standards applicable to it and is accompanied by a certificate stating that such unit is approved and monitored by the Export Inspection Agencies established under Section 7 (1) of the Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963 (22 of 1963).

After clause (d), the following shall be inserted, vide GOI Notification 1442 (E) dated 19th December 2003.

- (e) specifies the maximum residual limits (MRLs) for antibiotics, organochlorine compounds and pyrethroids in egg power as given below, namely:-

(1) Antibiotics

| <u>Antibiotics</u> | <u>Maximum residues limits</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Erythromycin | 150 µ/kg |
| Tylosin | 200 µ/kg |
| Lincomycin | 50 µ/kg |
| Neomycin | 500 µ/kg |
| Colistin | 300 µ/kg |
| Chlortetracycline | 200 µ/kg |

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| Oxyteracycline | 200 µ/kg |
| Tetracycline | 200 µ/kg |
| Spectinomycin | 200 µ/kg |
| Tiamulin | 1000 µ/kg |
| Josamycin | 200 µ/kg |
| Oxalinic Acid | 50 µ/kg |

(2) Anti-parasitic agents piperazine derivatives

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| Piperazine | 2000 µ/kg |
| Flubendazole | 400 µ/kg |
| Amprolium | 1000 µ/kg |

(3) Organochlorine Compounds

| <u>Compounds</u> | <u>MRL in mg/kg</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Aldrin, Dieldrin | 0.02 (Combined limit) |
| Chrothalonil | 0.01 |
| DDT (all isomers) | 0.05 (Combined limit) |
| Dicofol | 0.05 |
| Deldrin | 0.02 |
| α-Endosulfan | 0.1 |
| Endosulfansulphate | 0.005 |
| Endrin | 0.005 |
| HCH (all isomers) | 0.03 (combined limit) α 0.02 β 0.01 |
| Lindane (γ-HCH) | 0.1 |
| Methoxychlor | 0.01 |
| PCB | 0.01 |

(4) Pyrethroids

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| Cypermethrin | 0.05 |
| Deltamethrin | 0.05 |
| Permethrin | 0.05 |
| α-cypermethrin | 0.05 |

(f) The use of following antibiotics and other pharmacological active substances shall be prohibited in manufacture of feed, medication of chicken and poultry, or at any stage of production of egg power:

Chloramphenicol
 Dimetridazole
 Metronidazole

Nitrofurans Metabolites including 3-Amino-2-Oxalidinone (AOZ), Semi Carbazide (SEM), 5-Methyl-Morpholino-3Amino-2Oxalididone (AMOZ) and 1-amino-hydantion Anticoccidials including nitroimidazoles.

Provided that if the MRLs fixed by the importing countries are more stringent than the limits herein specified, the MRLs specified by the importing countries shall be complied with.”

2. Specifies the type of quality control and inspection in accordance with the Export of Egg Products (Quality Control, Inspection and Monitoring) (Amendment) Rules, 2003 as the type of quality control, inspection and monitoring which shall be applied to such Egg products prior to export.

13. Nothing in this order shall apply to the export by land or sea or air of bonafide samples of egg products to prospective buyers the value of which shall not exceed permissible limits as laid down in Exim Policy from time to time where no such provisions exist the value limit of free sample (s) shall not exceed Rs. 10,000.

14. In this order, Egg Products means:— Products obtained from eggs their various components or mixtures thereof after removal of the shell and membranes, intended for human consumption they may be partially supplemented by other foodstuffs or additives they maybe liquid, concentrated, dried, crystallized, frozen, quick-frozen or coagulated.

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