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CIRCULAR

Subject: Misutilization of EIC's approval by laboratories approved under EIC Laboratory Approval Scheme- Reg.

This office is in receipt of complaints from various importing countries that laboratories approved under EIC Laboratory Approval Scheme are misutilizing their approval and issuing health certificates.

In this regard, it is to clarify that as per EIC Laboratory Approval Scheme the laboratory are approved/recognized to carry out testing of samples and to provide test reports to concerned EIA in respect of samples tested. EIC/EIA only are the Competent Authority to consider issuing Health Certificate or any other export worthy certificate as per importing country requirement based on the test report(s) given by recognized laboratories. As the scope of approval of laboratories under the Scheme does not cover issuing health certificate by laboratory, the health certificates issued by laboratories are illegal and has no legal sanctity.

Further, clause 7.8 of the scheme requires that "An approved laboratory shall not use its approval in such a manner as to bring EIC/Government of India into disrepute/dispute and shall not make any statement relevant to its approval, which EIC may consider to be misleading." Here, it may also be noted that even EIA's laboratories are not authorized to issue such health certificate or any other export worthy certificate and should submit the test report to Certification division of concerned EIA for issuing certificate.

Therefore, it is to request all the laboratories approved under EIC Laboratory Approval Scheme, to refrain from issuing any health certificate or any other export worthy certificate. Violation of the same would be viewed very seriously and appropriate action, shall be initiated by the Competent Authority accordingly.

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To

All laboratories approved under EIC Laboratory approval scheme including EIA's laboratories (As per list attached)

Copy to:

1. Joint Director (I/C)/ Deputy Director (I/C), Export Inspection Agency, Delhi/Mumbai/ Kolkata/Kochi/ Chennai.
2. Shri Kuldeep Singh, Assistant Director, Export Inspection Council, New Delhi- with request to place the circular on EIC's website.