

SCHEME FOR ISSUE OF HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR EXPORT OF FOOD PRODUCTS

1. INTRODUCTION:

Export Inspection Council of India (EIC), the official certifying body of the Govt. of India for exports was set up under the Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963 which was enacted to ensure the quality of export products through quality control and inspection.

In order to facilitate the smooth functioning of the export from India in the present scenario of the international trade, and to certify quality of food commodities (which are not notified under the Act, 1963), a general voluntary scheme for issuance of Health Certificate has been developed. This scheme allows for issuance of Health Certificate on Consignment wise basis.

2. DEFINITIONS

Unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “Council” means the Export Inspection Council of India established under section 3 of Export (Quality Control & Inspection) Act 1963 (22 of 1963);
2. “Agency” or “EIA” means anyone of the Export Inspection Agencies established at Chennai, Delhi, Kochi, Kolkata and Mumbai under section 7 of the Act;
3. “Branch office” means any of the Sub-Offices working under the jurisdiction of an EIA;
4. “Product” means any of the food products other than notified Food items under the Export (Quality Control & Inspection) Act,1963.

3. BASIS OF ISSUANCE OF HEALTH CERTIFICATE

Health Certificate will be issued for consignments which conform to Importing Country requirements / relevant National standards / buyers’ requirements as applicable.

4. PROCEDURE FOR CHECKING COMPLIANCE

The exporter shall submit the following documents in the prescribed proforma for issuance of the Health Certificate for the Food Products consignment meant for export.

- Application for issuance of Health Certificate duly filled in as per Annexure-1 along with copy of Invoice/ Purchase Order/Letter of Credit, along with a bank draft of the requisite fee (as per clause 5.1) to the nearest Head Office/sub office of the Export Inspection Agency, under whose jurisdiction the exporting unit / exporter is situated.
- Copy of test report of Food Product intended for export, issued by EIA labs /EIC approved labs, test report from the EIA approved unit, as per importing countries standards/National Standard /Contractual Specification as agreed between Importer and Exporter.
- Fee to be paid by the exporter to the concerned EIAs as prescribed in clause no 5.1 of the scheme.

Based on the documents submitted, EIA shall issue health certificate in the prescribed format (Annexure 2).

Sample shall be drawn from one in ten consignment for testing as per the requirement of the importing country for maintaining data base (Exporter wise). Health certificate shall be issued only after satisfactory test report/s. The cost of the testing shall be borne by the exporter/processor.

In case of rejection/ violation/ complaint received against the exporter for the consignments exported, from the importing country, next 3 consecutive consignments shall be tested in EIA labs prior to issuance of health certificate. The cost of the testing shall be borne by the exporter/processor

5. FORMAT OF HEALTH CERTIFICATE

EIA or its sub-office shall issue the Health Certificate in the format placed at Annex-2 after the consignment has been found meeting the relevant requirements.

5.1 Fee to be charged as under:

FOB value in Rs.	–	Fee charge in Rs.
i) Upto 5 lakh		1500
ii) Above 5 lakh and upto 10 lakh		2500
iii) Above 10 lakh and upto 25 lakh		5500
iv) Above 25 and below 40 lakh		7500
v) Above 40 lakh		8000

Note: A fee of Rs.10 per MT shall be charged for Agricultural Bulk Commodities for issuance of Health Certificate subject to minimum of Rs. 2500/- per consignment. Health Certificate will be issued based on the test report submitted by the processor / exporter.

6. VALIDITY OF HEALTH CERTIFICATE

The Health Certificate shall be valid for a period of 90 days from the date of its issuance.

Application for issuance of Health Certificate

Exporter's Name Address		Invoice No. Date		Exporter's Ref.	
		Buyer's Order No. & Date			
Manufacture's Name & Address		To The (Name & Address of the Inspection Authority)			
		Please issue a Health Certificate of consignment of Food Products the..... A draft of Rs..... drawn on..... is enclosed as issuance fee or please debit the fee from our Account Pass Book			
Detail of the Manufacture's Seal, if any		No enclosed.			
		Date		Signature of Exporter	
Vessel/Flight No. (optional)		Port of Loading		Address where consignment is stored/	
Probable Date of Loading					
Marks & Nos.	No. & Kind of Pkgs.	Description of Goods		Quantity as declared	FOB Value (in Rs.)
Technical requirement including specifications/approved samples with its characteristics as stipulated in the export contact.					
Other Relevant Information					
Declarations:					
Certified that the goods mentioned above have been manufactured / produced to meet the requirements/ specification of the importing country.					
Certified that the goods have not been offered previously for issuance of Health Certificate.					
Certified that no additional technical or quality requirement other than mentioned above have been stipulated by the overseas buyer.					
Signature & Date					

Book No.....

HEALTH CERTIFICATE

Sl. No. _____

(General - Applicable for all food items other than those not notified under the (Export Quality Control and Inspection Act, 1963)

Country of despatch: **India****Competent Authority: Export Inspection Agency- Chennai/Delhi / Kolkata/ Kochi/ Mumbai**

Reference No.: Test Report issued by.....

1. Details identifying the products**Description**

Quantity
 Type of Packaging
 No. of packages
 Temperature required during storage and transport
 Manufacturing date
 Expiry Date
 Invoice no. / Batch no. / Lot no.

2. Provenance of products

Name & Address of the exporter / processor

3. Destination of the products*a. The products are to be despatched*

From..... (Place of despatch)
 To..... (Country and place of destination)
 By the following means of transport

 Name of address of consignor
 Name of consignee and address at place of destination
 LC Details

4. Health Attestation

It is hereby certified that the products described above have been processed as per the Buyer's requirements / Specification of the importing country / National Standards, stored and transported under hygienic conditions and found confirming to laid down standards and fit for human consumption.

Place of issue:

Signature of authorised officer

Date of issue

Name:

Seal

Designation: