

New Delhi, the 3rd November, 1997

S.O. 2948. In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 17 of the Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963, (22 of 1963) and in supersession of the notification of the Government of India, in the Ministry of Commerce Number S.O. 2284 dated the 24th August, 1994 relating to Animal Casings (Quality Control and Inspection) Rules, 1994, except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession the Central Government hereby makes the following rules namely:-

1. (1) Short title and commencement. (1) These rules may be called the Export of Animal Casings (Quality Control and Inspection) Rules, 1997.
- (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

PART –I

APPLICABLE FOR EXPORT TO EUROPEAN UNION (EU) AND OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH STIPULATE THAT ANIMAL CASINGS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS

2. Definition. In this part unless the context otherwise requires, the following definitions shall be applicable:

- (a) Act” means the Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963 (22 of 1963).
- (b) “Agency” means any of the Export Inspection Agencies established or recognised by the Central Government under Section 7 of the Act or the Agricultural Marketing Adviser to the Government of India or any other officer authorised on his behalf for inspection : **Substituted vide Notification S.O.1315 (E) dated 8th June 2012**

“(b) “Agency” means any of the Export Inspection Agencies established or recognized by the Central Government under Section 7 of the Act;”

- (c) “Animal” means a livestock belonging to any of the following species namely :
 - I. Cattle
 - II. Buffalo
 - III. Sheep
 - IV. Goat ; and
 - V. Pigs
- (d) “Animal Casing” means processed intestines of a healthy animal slaughtered in an authorised slaughter house which may be referred as “Casings” also.
- (e) APEDA” means the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority established under Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority Act, 1985.
- (f) “Council” means the Export Inspection Council established under Section 3 of the Act.
- (g) “Competent Authority” means Directorate of Marketing and Inspection (DMI),

Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment, Government of India recognised under Section 7 of the Act. **Substituted vide Notification S.O.1315 (E) dated 8th June 2012**

“(g) “Competent Authority” means Export Inspection Agencies established under section 7 of the Act;”

- (h) “Intestines” means small and large intestines or gullet or oesophagus or weasand or urinary bladder of an animal. **Substituted vide Notification S.O.1315 (E) dated 8th June 2012**

“(h) “Intestines” means small and large intestines or gullet or weasand of an animal;”

- (i) “Processed Intestines” means the cleaned, scrapped and salted with sodium chloride for 30 days or bleached or dried after scrapping of the intestines of an animal.
- (j) “Slaughter” means killing of an animal for food employing a human method not inconsistent with the provisions of the prevention of cruelty to Animal Act, 1960 (54 of 1960) in an authorised slaughter house or abattoir where the animal is subjected to thorough ante-mortem and post-mortem examinations.
- (k) “Slaughter House or Abattoir” means any premises which are authorised by the local authority for slaughter of animals intended for human consumption.
- (l) **Inserted vide Notification S.O.1315 (E) dated 8th June 2012**

“(l) “approved establishment” means any premises where animal casings are prepared, processed, packed or stored;”

- (m) **Inserted vide Notification S.O.1315 (E) dated 8th June 2012**

“(m) “competent personal” means the person responsible for the establishment to take all necessary measures so that at all stages of production of animal casings, the specification are compiled with, as per the national and importing country’s requirements;”;

3. Basis of Compliance—Inspection of Animal Casings intended for export shall be carried out with a view to see that the same has been processed, packed and stored in plants approved and registered with APEDA and that the product conforms to the standard specifications recognised by the Central Government, under Section 6 of the Act, by sampling and testing of each consignment by the Competent Authority as per instructions issue by the council form time to time. **Substituted vide Notification S.O.1315 (E) dated 8th June 2012**

3. (1) “The primary responsibility of the “establishment is to ensure that the Animal Casings intended for export are handled, processed at all stages of production storage and transport under proper hygienic conditions so as to meet the health requirements laid down under these rules and that the products conform to the specifications given in the order

by the Central Government under section 6 of the Act.

(2) For export to European Union, the Competent Authority shall ensure that the establishment comply with the requirements, based on the food safety based management system, by regular monitoring of the establishment as per the rules.

(3) For export to Non-European Union countries, Competent Authority shall ensure that every consignment conforms to the standards specifications recognised by the Central Government, by undertaking the consignment-wise inspection and alternatively processor exporting to Non-European Countries shall have an option for getting their establishment approved under food safety based management system.

(4) For effective monitoring of the scheme, the Export Inspection Council shall issue necessary instructions in this regard.”

4. Animal Casings for export shall be subject to the following conditions :
 - 4.1 The Casings must comply with the requirements of collection and transportation as per Annexure-I.
 - 4.2 They must comply with the requirements of processing plant as per Annexure-II.
5. They must comply with the procedure for ‘Registration of Animal Casings’ Processing Plant and for Certification of Animal Casings as per Annexures III and IV respectively. **Substituted vide Notification S.O.1315 (E) dated 8th June 2012**

“5. (1) Any statutory restrictions imposed by Central Government or any State Government with respect to commercial and environmental conservation measures from time it time shall strictly be adhered to.

(2) The approved establishment shall ensure that the competent personal responsible for the establishment to take all necessary measures so that all stages of production of animal casings that notification are complied with and the said persons must carry out their own checks based on the following requirements, namely:-

- (a) identification of critical points in their establishment on the basis of the manufacturing process used;**
- (b) establishment and implementation of methods for monitoring and checking such critical points;**
- (c) taking samples through the representative of Competent Authority (CA) for analysis in a Council approved laboratory for the purpose of checking the cleaning and dis-infection method and for the purpose of checking compliance with the requirements in this notification and other importing countries requirements;**

(d) keeping a written record or record register in indelible fashion of the preceding points with a view to submitting them to the Competent Authority and the result of the different checks and tests will in particular be kept for a period of at least two years.”

(3) If the result of own checks or any information at the disposal of the persons responsible referred to above reveal the risk of health or suggest that one might exist, appropriate measures shall be taken under official supervision of the recognised Competent Authority.

(4) The Competent Authority shall accord approval or renewal to such establishment if it is satisfied that such establishment meet the requirements with regard to nature of activities they carry out and if the establishments decide to carry out activities other than those for which it has received, in such cases the specific approval from the Competent Authority shall be obtained for that purpose.

(5) The Competent Authority may take the assistance of representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture at State or Central level and or Food Safety and Standards Authority of India in the matter of approval and or renewal of establishment.

(6) The Competent Authority shall take necessary measures if the requirements related to approval or renewal of approval cease to be met.

(7) The Export Inspection Agency shall draw up a list of the approved establishments each of which shall have an official number and shall notify appropriate authorities of its list of approved establishment and any subsequent change thereof.

(8) The inspection and monitoring of establishments shall be carried out regularly under the responsibility of the recognized Competent Authority which shall at all times have free access to all parts of the establishment and records pertaining to application of this notification.

(9) The Competent Authority shall issue certificates on request from the exporter or processor after satisfying itself that the requirements of the relevant standard are fulfilled.”

6. Issue of Animal Health Certificate—On receipt of the application, the agency, on satisfying itself on the basis of inspection carried out as referred above that the consignment of Animal Casings has been processed and packed according to the specification applicable to it, shall issue Animal Health Certificate in the proforma laid down in the Schedule VII. It shall be lawful for the agency to supervise, oversee and secure compliance of these rules.

Where the agency is not satisfied, it shall refuse to issue the Animal Health Certificate. Such refusal alongwith the reasons thereof shall be communicated in writing to the exporter immediately after inspection of the consignment.

The Animal Health Certificate shall be valid for a maximum period of 90 days in the case of dried Animal Casings or 45 days in the case of salted Animal Casings or as prescribed by the importer, whichever is earlier.

If the consignment is not shipped within the period of validity of the certificate, the exporter shall be permitted to present the Certificate for revalidation. In such a case, the validity shall be extended for a further period of 45 days in the case of dried Animal Casings or 15 days in the case of salted Animal Casings or upto the last shipment date prescribed by the importer.

A duplicate certificate may be issued on payment of Rs. 500 and furnishing a declaration that the certificate was lost or mutilated and if the original certificate is found it will be returned. The validity of the duplicate certificate will be same as that of the original. **Substituted vide Notification S.O.1315 (E) dated 8th June 2012**

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(2) There shall be collected an amount of five hundred rupees towards the issue of the Health Certificate referred to in sub-rule(1);

(3) Where the agency is not satisfied, it shall refuse to issue the Health Certificate and such refusal alongwith the reasons thereof shall be communicated in writing to the exporter immediately after inspection of the consignment;

(4) The Animal Health Certificate shall be valid for a maximum period of 90 days in the case of dried animal casings or 45 days in the case of salted animal casings or as prescribed by the importer, whichever is earlier;

(5) If the consignment is not shipped within the period of validity of the certificate, the exporter shall be permitted to present the Certificate for revalidation. In such a case, the validity shall be extended for a further period of 45 days in the case of direct animal casings or 15 days in the case of salted animal casings or upto the last shipment date prescribed by the importer; and

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and furnishing a declaration that the certificate was lost or mutilated and if the original certificate is found it will be returned and the validity of the duplicate certificate will be same as that of the original.”.

7. Inspection Fee—The Inspection fees would be Rs. 200 per ten banks subject to a maximum of Rs. 500 per consignment for local inspection and Rs. 1000 for out station inspection and shall be collected by the Competent Authority from the processor and/or exporter.

NOTE—The amount of inspection fee for each consignment payable by the exporter shall be rounded off to the nearest rupee and, for this purpose where such amount contains a part of a rupee then if such a part is fifty paise or more, it shall rounded off to one rupee and if such part is less than fifty paise, it shall be ignored. **Substituted vide Notification S.O.1315 (E) dated 8th June 2012**

7 (1) A fee of five thousand rupees shall be paid by the establishment along with the application for approval or renewal of the establishment in accordance with the provisions of sub-rule (4) of rule 5 and monitoring fee at the rate of 0.2 percent. of free on board value of exports or an amount of two thousand rupees whichever is higher shall be paid by the establishment, to the Export Inspection Agency.

(2) In case of consignment wise inspection the inspection fee shall be at the rate of 0.4 percent. of the free on board value or an amount of two thousand rupees whichever is higher.

Note: The amount of monitoring fee for each consignment paid by the processor shall be rounded off to the nearest rupee and, for this purpose, where such amount contains a part of a rupee consisting of paise, then, if such part is fifty paise or more, it shall be increased to one rupee and if each part is less than fifty paise, it shall be ignored.

PART –II (Omitted vide Notification S.O.1315 (E) dated 8th June 2012)

APPLICATION FOR EXPORT TO ALL COUNTRIES IN RESPECT OF GRADING AND MARKING OF ANIMAL CASINGS

2. DEFINITION.—In the part unless the context otherwise requires, the following definitions shall be applicable.
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- i. "Slaughter House or Abattoir" means any premise which is authorised by the local authority for slaughter of animals intended for human consumption.

3. BASIS OF INSPECTION. ___ Inspection of Animal Casings intended for export shall be carried out with a view to see that the same has been processed, packed and stored in plants approved by the Agency and that the product conforms to the standard specifications recognised by the Central Govt. under section 6 of the Act by sampling and testing of each consignment by the Agency as per instructions issued by the council from time to time.

4. PROCEDURE OF INSPECTION. ___ I. Any exporter intending to export Animal Casings shall submit an application for inspection (in duplicate) to the nearest Agency or an officer of the Agency, authorised in this behalf by the Agency, giving particulars of the consignment, intended to be exported.

II An application under sub-rule (1) shall be submitted:

- a. Not less than two days before the inspection to be carried out at the premises situated at the same station to the office of the Agency: and
- b. Not less than ten days before the inspection to be carried out at the premises which are not situated at the same station to the office of the Agency

III On receipt of the application referred in sub-rule (2), the Agency shall inspect the consignment of Animal Casings as per the instructions issued by the Export Inspection Council in this behalf from time to time, with a view to satisfy itself that the consignment has been graded and packed in accordance with Rule 3. The exporter shall provide all necessary facilities to the Agency to enable it to carry out such inspection.

IV If, after inspection, the Agency is satisfied that the consignment of Animal Casings to be exported complies with the requirements of the specifications referred to in rule 3, it shall issue a certificate declaring the consignment as exportworthy.

V When the Agency is not so satisfied it shall refuse to issue such certificate and communicate such refusal to the exporter in writing alongwith the reasons thereof.

VI Subsequent to certification, the Agency shall have the right to reassess the quality of the consignment at any place, storage, in transit, or at the ports before the actual shipment.

VII In the event of the consignment being found not conforming to the standard specifications at any of these stages, the certificate of inspection originally issued shall be withdrawn.

5. Packing and marking. I As exporter intending to pack Animal Casings for export shall pack in standard packages or as per specific requirements of the buyer.

II. The following information shall be stencilled/printed on the packages:

- a. Name and address of the exporter;
- b. Name of the item and variety;
- c. Grade;
- d. Lot number and date of packing;
- e. Gross weight and net weight;
- f. Product of India;
- g. Shipping Marks.

6. Place of inspection. Inspection for the purpose of these rules shall be carried out at the premises of the exporter where the goods are offered for inspection provided that adequate facilities exist therein for inspection.

7. Inspection fees. The inspection fee to be paid by the processor/exporter under consignment wise inspection to the agency will be at the rate of 0.4% of f.o.b. value of the consignment.

NOTE. The amount of inspection fee for such consignment payable by

the exporter shall be rounded off to the nearest rupee and, for this purpose where such amount contains a part of a rupee, then if such a part is fifty paise or more, it shall be increased to one rupee and if such part is less than fifty paise, it shall be ignored.

8. APPEAL. (1) Any exporter aggrieved by the refusal of the Agency to issue the Certificate of inspection either prescribed in Part I or Part II of these rules may within ten days of such refusal prefer an appeal to the said Agency which shall refer the same to a panel of experts consisting of not less than three but not more than seven person appointed for the purpose by Central Government.

(2) A minimum of two- third of the total membership of the panel of experts shall be non-officials.

(3) The quorum for the panel shall be three.

(4) The appeal shall be disposed of within fifteen days from the date of its receipt.

ANNEXURE-I

1. COLLECTION AND TRANSPORTATION:

- 1.1. The intestines must be derived from healthy animals slaughtered in a slaughter house.
- 1.2. The transportation of intestines from the slaughter house to 'casings' processing plants have to take place under sufficient hygienic conditions which prevents infection and contamination of the intestines.
- 1.3. Cleaning of the intestines must be carried out immediately after slaughter of the animal.
- 1.4. The delay between collection, transportation and processing of intestines should be minimised to produce better quality Animal Casings.
- 1.5. Fermentation of intestines should be avoided as far as possible.

ANNEXURE-II

1. REQUIREMENTS OF ANIMAL CASINGS PROCESSING PLANT:

1.1. PROCESSING ROOMS:

The rooms for processing of Animal Casings must comprise of:

- 1.1.1. The premises of the casings processing plants should present as aesthetic appeal and should not emanate off odours.
- 1.1.2. The raw material handling and processing rooms should be separate from finished material handling and storage rooms.
- 1.1.3. The casings processing room should have adequate space for convenient and easy conduct of operations.
- 1.1.4. The flooring shall be impervious, non-slippery and washed daily with disinfectant. The floor should slope sufficiently for liquids to be drained off to trapped outlets protected by a grill.
- 1.1.5. The walls shall be tiled with white glazed ceramic tiles or light coloured coatings or hygienic panels upto a height of 1.5 meters to enable washing with hot water and chemical disinfectants.
- 1.1.6. Ceiling with light colour and adequate coating which does not rot.
- 1.1.7. Adequate ventilation.
- 1.1.8. Adequate natural or artificial lighting which does not distort colours.
- 1.1.9. The premises shall be maintained in sanitary condition and the drainage and plumbing system shall be efficient and well maintained. The water supply shall be ample and clean.
- 1.1.10. The rooms where the casings are processed will be free from dust etc. Facilities shall be provided in the premises for cleaning utensils and for cleaning hands of persons handling casings.
- 1.1.11. The waste/scrap should be kept in dustbin with an airtight lid which can be easily cleaned and disinfected.
- 1.1.12. It shall exclude entry of dogs, cats, rodents, insects, flies, crow, bats and vultures. The use of poisons or poisonous baits is, forbidden in places where processing is carried out or any packed product is stored; and
- 1.1.13. At the end of each day, a thorough cleaning programme should be followed.

2. EQUIPMENT

- 2.1 For cleaning of tools, adequate water facility in the unit should be provided.
- 2.2 Proper equipment for protection against pests such as insects and rodents.
- 2.3 Instruments and working equipment such as sorting tables, cases, containers, conveyors or belts and kolves are of such a material which can be easily cleaned/washed
- 2.4 The equipment for storing the containers must be in good hygiene condition and have to secure that there will not be any contact of the merchandise even in containers with the floor or the walls.
- 2.5 Equipment for hygiene handling of the casings during loading and unloading may be used.
- 2.6 Wash basin with adequate supply of running water should be provided, and
- 2.7 Equipment and instruments used in processing/manufacturing of casings, must be carefully cleaned and washed several times during each working day if they have been contaminated and at the end of the day's work and before being used again. However, continuous production machines should only be cleaned when the work has been finished or in cases where contamination is suspected.

3. STAFF:

- 3.1 The highest possible standard of cleanliness shall be required of staff. All unsanitary practices should be avoided.
- 3.2 All persons entering the rooms in which work on Animal Casings is undertaken, must wear clean, light coloured and easy to wash working clothes and head caps fully covering the hair on heads. Staff engaged in processing of Animal Casings shall wash their hands several times during each working day, i.e., each time they resume work.
- 3.3 Eating, drinking, smoking shall be forbidden in work rooms and store rooms.
- 3.4 Persons who are ill or whose hands are cut and exposed, likely to contaminate casings shall be prohibited from working or handling, and
- 3.5 A medical fitness certificate shall be produced for every person working in processing of animal casings at the time of joining. It shall be renewed every year. It shall be produced to the inspecting officer as and when demanded.

4. GENERAL:

- 4.1 Rooms, instruments and working equipment must be used only for the preparation of the casings and if required to be used for any other purpose there shall be a gap of 24 hours after thorough cleaning and before Animal Casings are processed again

- 4.2 For all purposes other than cleaning of floor, potable water must be used.
- 4.3 The use of detergents disinfectants and pesticides must not affect the wholesomeness of the casings.
- 4.4 First-aid kit should be available for the benefit of all the workers.
- 4.5 Wrapping and packaging must take place under satisfactory hygiene conditions.
- 4.6 Casings should be stored under conditions which do not effect the quality of the casings.
 - 4.6.1 In the case of sheep casings, these must be adequately salted and stored under proper conditions. Where longer period of storage (more than 10 days) is involved, these must be stored in refrigerated conditions.
 - 4.6.2 In the case of castle casings, after cleaning and processing the casings should be dried either in the sun or by heat process under hygienic conditions. Dried cattle casings should be stored under clean, dry and damp proof conditions. Preservatives like black pepper may be used for storage; and
- 4.7 Practices that results in contamination of casings should be avoided.

ANNEXURE- III

1. Procedure for registration of Animal Casings processing Plants:
 - 1.1 The exporters, desiring for export of Animal Casings to European Communities and other countries where Plant Registration and Certification is warranted, should get the plant registered with APEDA as per the procedures laid down hereunder.
2. Application for Registration:
 - 2.1 Application may be made to Chairman, APEDA in the prescribed proforma as laid down in Schedule I. A copy of the procedure to be followed is obtainable from the office(s) of APEDA.
 - 2.2 Application should be accompanied by Animal Casings Plant Data as laid down in Schedule II.
 - 2.3 The application duly completed may be submitted either at the headquarters of APEDA at New Delhi or at any of its regional offices as per the addresses given in Schedule-III, who will forward the same to the headquarters.
 - 2.4 The application should be accompanied by a declaration in the proforma laid down in Schedule-IV that the manufacturer/exporter has complied with sanitary and other requirements of Animal Casings' plants.
 - 2.5 The application should be accompanied by a demand draft of Rs. 500- in favour of APEDA towards document processing and inspection charges.
 - 2.6 The following additional documents should be submitted along with the application:
 - a) Lay-out of the premises.
 - b) List of machinery and equipment in the premises.
 - c) Names and address of owners/partners/directors/trustees etc. along with documentary evidence.
 - d) Permission from the local municipal body to run the processing unit for Animal Casings.
 - e) Copy of the lease agreement in case the processing unit is being run on lease basis.
 - f) Confidential report issued by financial institution/banks mentioning the financial status of the manufacturers/exporters.
 - g) Certificate from a Govt. laboratory regarding portability of water used for processing of Animal Casings.

- h) Medical fitness certificate for personal engaged in the processing operation.
- 2.7 The application should be signed by the owner/partner/director/managing trustee duly authorised for the purpose and a documentary evidence/power of attorney/copy of the resolution, as the case may be, must accompany the application.

3. PLANT REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

- 3.1 Preliminary scrutiny of the application will be carried out by APEDA and in case the application is in order, APEDA will forward a copy of the application to each member of the Plant Inspection Committee.
- 3.2 Physical inspection of the processing plant will be carried out for registration by a plant Inspection Committee to be constituted by Chairman, APEDA, comprising of the following:
- 3.2.1 One representative of Dept. of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Agriculture, Govt of India.
 - 3.2.2 One representative of Dept. of Animal Husbandry of the State Govt.
 - 3.2.3 One representative of Export Inspection Council/Agency.
 - 3.2.4 One representative of Directorate of Marketing and Inspection.
 - 3.2.5 One representative of dried Animal Casings' exporters.
 - 3.2.6 One representative of Sheep Casings Exporters' Association.
 - 3.2.7 One representative of APEDA who shall be the convenor of the Committee.
- 3.3 Three members of the Committee shall form the quorum for inspection. In case, for any reason the quorum is not complete, the inspection shall be carried out on a subsequent date which will be informed to the processor and/or exporter.
- 3.4 APEDA shall normally inform the processor and/or exporter one week in advance of the date of inspection for verification.

4. ISSUE OF PLANT REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE :

- 4.1 In case the Committee is satisfied that the Animal Casings plant conforms to the standards and recommends issue of a certificate, then the same shall be issued by APEDA in the praforma laid down under Schedule-V. The certificate will bear a Registration Number allotted by APEDA.
- 4.2 The certificate shall be prominently displayed in the processing unit.
- 4.3 Any change in the lay out, design or capacity of processing unit should be got approved by APEDA within 60 days of such a change.

- 4.4 The Plant Registration Certificate will be in addition to their registration with APEDA as an exporter of a scheduled product [as per Section 42(i) of the APEDA, Act]. The date of validity of the Plant Registration Certificate shall be specified on the certificate. In case no specific date is mentioned, the certificate shall be deemed to be valid upto 31st December of the year in which it is issued.
- 4.5 The Animal Casings plant shall be reinspected by the Committee for the purpose of renewal of the Certificate. The inspection shall be carried out before expiry of validity of the certificate.
- 4.6 In case the processing of Animal Casings is carried out in a leased plant, the certificate shall be issued to the manufacturer/exporter who may be the lessee and not the owner of the plant. The validity of the certificate will be limited to the date of expiry of the lease agreement.
- 4.7 The manufacturer/exporter shall also comply with such other instructions as may, from time to time, be issued by APEDA.

5. REFUSAL/CANCELLATION OF CERTIFICATE:

- 5.1 The certificate issued under clause 4 may be refused or cancelled or suspended provided that:

The animal casings plant does not conform to the prescribed standards as laid down under these rules;

There are any adverse reports from the financial institutions/banks against any of the owner/directors/ partners/trustees or from the importers or importing countries;

There is insufficient potable water at the premises.

Unsatisfactory arrangement for disposal of effluents;

No valid license from the local body or if the committee feels that the plant is situated at the place where it will be injurious to the inhabitants.

- 5.2 Refusal, cancellation or suspension of the certificate as the case may be, shall be communicated in writing specifying the reasons, to the exporter.
- 5.3 An aggrieved exporter may make another application to Chairman, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority for registration of his plant after satisfying that the deficiencies pointed out by the Committee, have been rectified. The reinspection of the plant shall be carried out in terms of para 5 above.

ANNEXURE-IV

1. **PROCEDURE FOR CERTIFICATION OF ANIMAL CASINGS :**
The inspection of Animal Casings for issue of Animal Health Certificate shall be done to verify the species of animal, nature of packaging, number of packages, net weight, cleanliness of casings, etc.
2. **PLACE OF INSPECTION :**
The inspection of Animal Casings for the purpose of these rules shall be carried out at the premises registered with the APEDA.
3. **APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION :**
An Exporter intending to export Animal Casings shall submit an application for issue of the Animal Health Certificate, giving particulars of the consignment proposed to be exported to the nearest office of the agency in the prescribed proforma as laid down in the Schedule-VI.
4. **TIME LIMIT FOR INSPECTION :**
 - 4.1 For inspection of Animal Casings for local and outstation inspection, a two and three clear working days advance information, respectively shall be sent to the agency office.
 - 4.2 Although every effort will be made to take up inspection as soon as possible after the receipt of information, no guarantee be given except that request will be entertained strictly in the chronological order of receipt of applications. In special cases, however, the Inspecting Officer may attend to inspection even with shorter notice, provided he is not otherwise occupied with urgent work.

[F. No. 6/1/96-EI&EP]
PRABH DAS, Director

SCHEDULE I

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF ANIMAL
CASINGS' PROCESSING PLANT

1. Name and address of the applicant:
2. Registration-cum-membership No. of APEDA.
3. Address of the processing plant.
4. Factory licence number and date, if any.
5. Name and address of the owner of the building (processing plant) if he/they are different from the applicant.
6. Date of expiry of lease agreement, if applicable.
7. Name and address of the financial institutions/banks who have financed the plant.
8. Details of Bank draft/cheque.

APPLICANT OR
AUTHORISED SIGNATORY

PLACE:
DATE:

VERIFICATION

I.....do hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above information is complete and correct and that I agree to abide by the conditions and standards laid down in this behalf.

APPLICANT OR
AUTHORISED SIGNATORY

PLACE:
DATE:

SCHEDULE-II
ANIMAL CASINGS' PLANT DATA

1. Name of the Processing Plant
2. Address
3. EXTERNAL INSPECTION

I. Surroundings (clean/unclean).

II. Whether situated near obnoxious industry like fish canning, tanneries, chemical plants, fertilizer plants releasing Hydrogen Sulphide etc.

III. Whether the plant is used for processing material other than Animal Casings.

IV. Condition of approach and service roads.

V. Whether boundary wall provided.

VI. Presence of birds, crows, vultures, etc. if any.

VII. Condition of drainage system, whether open or permanently installed underground.

VIII. Arrangement for disposal of waste material.

IX. Whether wash and change room for workers provided. If provided, number of toilets for each sex of workers and provision for water, soap, towels, etc.

X. Whether the external walls are properly plastered and free from crevices, holes, dampness, etc.

XI. Whether the entry is restricted and the entry (ies) and exit(s) provided with double doors having fly proofing and self closing devices.

XII. Whether the windows are fly proof.

XIII. Whether antiseptic/disinfectant foot wash is provided at the entrance.

4. INTERNAL INSPECTION

I. Whether the walls and ceilings are properly white washed.

II. Whether the floors, walls and ceilings are properly plastered with impervious material.

III. Whether Fissures, holes, crevices and dampness present.

- IV. Whether the walls are covered with washable coating or paint upto a height of atleast 2 meters. Whether the windows are at a sufficient height and away from working platforms/tables to avoid contamination by dust, accidentally broken glass panes.
- V. Whether sufficient care is being exercised to ensure that each worker before entering and leaving the factory, washes his hands properly.
- VI. Whether sufficient sign-boards indicating “do not spit and smoke” played prominently.
- VII. Whether adequate lighting arrangements provided in the working area.
- VIII. Whether adequate exhaust fans provided.
- IX. Whether the processing area is free from cow webs and spiders.

5 WATER SUPPLY:

SOURCE: MUNICIPAL OR OPEN WELL(S) OR TUBE WELL(S)

- I. Whether adequate potable water supply with pressure is provided.
- II. Whether hot water (82 degree C) is available for sterilization of equipment.
- III. Condition of over head storage tank.
- IV. Is water treated separately, if so, system followed.
- V. Whether water is tested regularly for it's potability if so the frequency of testing.

6 PERSONNEL:

- I. Whether the staff is periodically examined for medical fitness. If so, what is the periodicity.
- II. Whether the nails and hair are properly trimmed. Use of nail polish to be prohibited.
- III. Whether clean uniform, cap, hand gloves and gum-boots provided.
- IV. Whether educated to observe personal hygiene.
- V. Whether information that smoking, chewing, spitting in the processing area is prohibited.

7 EQUIPMENT:

- I. Condition of working equipment, etc. e.g. knives, hooks, cases, containers for storage of Animal Casings, tables and other cutting tools.
- II. Whether the equipment are cleaned and disinfected daily.
- III. Whether the equipment, utensils, trollies used for inedible/waste material are properly marked so that they are not used for edible Animal Casings.

8 TRANSPORTATION:

- I. In case intestines/Animal Casings are sourced from outside sources, the names and addresses of the abattoirs from where these are sourced.

II. Transportation distance from abattoirs and mode of transportation of intestines/Animal Casings from abattoirs.

SCHEDULE III
ADDRESSES OF APEDA HEADQUARTER AND REGIONAL OFFICES

1. Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority, Ansal Chamber-II, 3rd Floor, 6, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110 066.
Tel : 6192141/6192148/6192747
Tlx :031-82061 FEDA IN
Fax: 6195016

2. Bombay Office
12th Floor, Unit No. 1, MVIRDC
Cuffe Parade, World Trade Centre, Bombay-400 005.
Tel : 022-2183106/2189060
Fax : 022-2189681
Tlx : 011-83737 APED-IN

3. Bangalore Office
12/1/1, Palace Cross Road, Bangalore-560 020.
Tel : 080-3343425
Fax : 91-80-3364560

4. Calcutta Office
Mayukh Bhavan, Bidhan Nagar, Calcutta-700 091.
Tel: 033-374244
Tlx: 21-2222 WBGT IN

SCHEDULE-IV

DECLARATION OF EXPORTER

I. I/we, _____ hereby declare that my/our Animal Casings, processing plant comply with all the sanitary and hygienic requirements laid down under Animal Casings (Quality Control & Inspection) Rules, 1996.

II. I/We also declare that intestines are obtained from approved/slaughter houses/abattoirs.

III. I/We declare that I/we possess the full authority and right to process/store Animal Casings, in the premises _____ (Address) and to effect any structural and/or other modifications required to conform to instructions issued by the APEDA from time to time.

IV. I/We also declare that we will inform APEDA about any change in the ownership/management of the company and also the building of the processing plant.

SIGNATURE OF THE APPLICANT/
AUTHORISED SIGNATORY

Place :

Date :

SCHEDULE-V

THE AGRICULTURAL AND PROCESSED FOOD PRODUCTS EXPORT
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
(MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, GOVT. OF INDIA)

CERTIFICATE OF PLANT REGISTRATION FOR ANIMAL CASINGS PROCESSING
PLANT

This is to certify that the Animal Casings processing plant described below has been inspected by a Plant Registration Committee constituted by Agricultural and Processed Food Products Exports Development Authority and existing facilities are considered adequate to meet the hygienic and sanitary conditions required for export:

1. Name of exporter _____.
 2. Registration No. _____.
 3. Location of the processing plant _____.
 4. Type of Animal Casings authorised for export. _____.
- Certificate valid upto _____.

Place : New Delhi

For and on behalf of APEDA CHAIRMAN

Date :

ANSAL CHAMBERS-II, 3rd FLOOR, 6 BHIKAJI CAMA PLACE, NEW DELHI-66 TEL :
6192141, 6192148 FAX : 6195016

SCHEDULE-VI
APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF
ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE

From
To
The Agency

Sir,

I request you to issue Animal Health Certificate for exporting the consignment of Animal Casings. Particulars of which are furnished below :

I. Identification of casings:

Casings of _____
(Species)

Nature of packaging _____

Number of packages _____

Net weight _____

II. Origin of casings

Approved establishment (Plant Registration) No. _____

III. Destination of casings

The casings will be sent from _____

(place of loading) to _____

(country and place of destination)

By the following means _____

Name and address of consigner _____

Name and address of consignee _____

Yours faithfully,
Name _____
(Designation)

SCHEDULE VII

ANIMAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR ANIMAL CASING INTENDED FOR
DISPATCH TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

Country of destination _____
Reference number of the health certificate _____
Exporting country _____
Responsible Ministry _____
Certifying Department _____

I. IDENTIFICATION OF CASINGS

Casings of _____
(Species)

Nature of packaging _____
Number of Packages _____
Net Weight _____

II. ORIGIN OF CASINGS

Address(es) and veterinary control number(s) of the approved establishments(s)

III. DESTINATION OF CASINGS

The casings will be sent from _____
(Place of loading)

To _____
(Country and place of destination)

By the following means of transport. _____
Number of the Seal (*). _____
Name and address of the consigner. _____
Name and address of the consignee. _____

IV. ATTESTATION

The undersigned official veterinarian certifies that the casings described above:

- (a) Come from plants approved by the Competent Authority.
- (b) Have been cleaned, scraped and -Salted (-) with Sodium Chloride for 30 days; or
-Bleached (-); or
-Dried after scraping (-);
- (c) Have undergone all precautions to avoid recontamination after treatment.

Done at _____ on _____
(Place) (Date)

(Stamp) _____

(Signature of the Official (X)

(Stamp)

- (*) Optional
- (-) Delete as appropriate
- (X) The signature and the stamp must be in a colour different to that of the printing.

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PRABH DAS, Director