



EXPORT INSPECTION COUNCIL

Assuring Quality and Food Safety of Exports from India



Chairman's Corner



I am delighted to share that the Export Inspection Council (EIC) is launching its quarterly newsletter. As Chairman, I believe that effective communication is vital for the success of any organization, and this newsletter will serve as a valuable platform to keep you updated on the latest developments, and regulatory updates in the export trade. Together, we can make this newsletter a dynamic and collaborative resource for the export fraternity.

Shri Rajesh Agrawal, IAS,
Additional Secretary, DoC & Chairman, EIC

Director's Corner



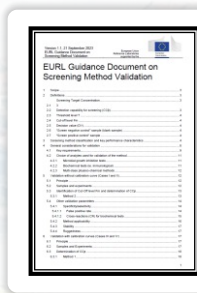
I am thrilled to announce the launch of our quarterly newsletter, a testament to our commitment to transparent communication and knowledge sharing. In this digital era, staying informed is crucial, and our newsletter aims to bridge the information gap by providing you with valuable insights into the exports. As the Director of the Export Inspection Council, I am confident that this initiative will foster a sense of community, enabling us to collectively navigate the evolving landscape of international trade. I look forward to the success of this new endeavor.

Dr. M. Balaji, IAS,
Joint Secretary, DoC and Director, EIC

Editorial Corner

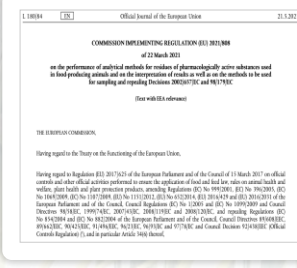
The Export Inspection Council's (EIC) Quarterly Regulatory Update Newsletter, a crucial tool for keeping you informed about regulatory changes. EIC underscores its commitment to professional development through ongoing training programs, specially crafted to deepen understanding of regulatory standards. In addition, we are placing a heightened focus on food safety within these initiatives, recognizing its paramount importance. EIC look forward to our shared journey of knowledge enrichment, skill advancement, and a steadfast commitment to consistent supply of safe food across the globe.

Regulatory Updates



European Reference Laboratories has published "EURL Guidance Document on Screening Method Validation", Version 1.1, 21 September 2023. This document supplement 808/2021/EC on carrying out screening method validation for pharmacological active substances using ELISA

https://sitesv2.anses.fr/en/system/files/Guidance_screening_20230921_v1_0.pdf



European Union has published COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2021/808 on the performance of analytical methods for residues of pharmacologically active substances used in food-producing animals and on the interpretation of results as well as on the methods to be used for sampling and repealing Decisions 2002/657/EC and 98/179/EC. The entry into force of this document was 10-06-2021.

Global Developments

Key Outputs of EIC

Qatar lifted ban from import of Chilled fish from India

EIC's relentless efforts and visit by JS, DoC, successfully led to the lifting of the temporary ban on frozen seafood with specific conditions, and the subsequent revocation of the ban on fresh/chilled fish exports from India to Qatar.

Listing of fishery establishments with GACC P.R. China

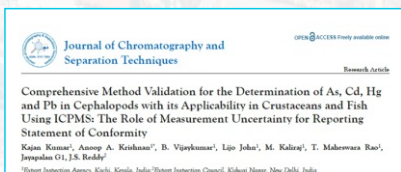
EIC's persistent efforts have led to the successful registration of 553 fishery establishments (512) and cold storages (41) in China Import Food Enterprise Registration (CIFER) system. Notably, 42 of these establishments are new entrants.

European Union started relisting of fishery establishments

EIC successfully addressed and closed two key recommendations related to aquaculture following the visit of the EU Mission – DG-SANTE in September 2022. As a direct outcome, the European Union has reinstated approval for 67 new aquaculture establishments.

EIC/EIA's engagements

- India International Seafood Show 2023 held at Kolkata – Dr. M. Balaji, IAS, Director, EIC delivered a talk on 'SPS and TBT in Seafood Trade' during the 'Technical Session on Seafood Trade Regulatory Measures in selected G-20 Nations'
- CCFICS – The Indian delegation led by Dr. M. Balaji, IAS, Joint Secretary and Director, EIC actively participated and presented new work proposal on 'Guidance on Appeal Mechanism in the context of rejection of Imported Food' held at Hobart, Australia during 1 May 2023 to 05 May 2023.
- Codex Committee on Contaminants in Foods (CCCF) - The Indian delegation led by Shri Praveen Kumar, Director, DoC, participated in CCCF held at Utrecht, Netherlands, from 17 to 21 April 2023.
- The Export Inspection Council (EIC) participated in the 'Global Food Regulators Summit (GFRS) - 2023'. The GFRS 2023 was organized by the Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) during 20-21 July 2023 at Manekshaw Center, New Delhi. The EIC participated in Global Food Regulators Summit (GFRS) - 2023 by putting up a stall in the event. Shri SP Singh Baghel, Hon'ble Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare, visited the stall of EIC on 21.07.2023 and appreciated the role of the EIC in food safety ecosystem.



Publications

Comprehensive Method Validation for the Determination of As, Cd, Hg and Pb in Cephalopods with its Applicability in Crustaceans and Fish Using ICPMS: The Role of Measurement Uncertainty for Reporting Statement of Conformity
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Capacity Building/Outreach Programs

- EIC organized online Workshop on 'RASFF including Root Cause Analysis & Traces NT' through ITCFSAN on 29.08.23
- EIA-Delhi organized online workshop on 'Guidance on export of Honey' through ITCFSAN on 12.09.23
- EIA-Mumbai organized virtual training program on 'Trade Facilitation - Webex meeting to discuss on the dossiers to be prepared and submitted for listing of fishery establishments on the website of Department of Animal Health, Vietnam' on 14.08.23.
- EIA-Mumbai H.O & SO: Ahmadabad jointly organized one day Virtual Training Program on "Responsibilities of Approved Establishments & Regulatory Requirement for Export of Milk & Milk Products" on 31.07.23

Upcoming training programs

- Five (05) Days Training Programme on "Microbiology & Chemical testing, GOI notification, GMP & SSOP, HACCP, Importing countries requirement & Complaint handling procedure" to be organized by Export Inspection Agency-Chennai
- Awareness Programme on "CoO through Common Digital Platform, Role EIC/EIA in international trade" to be organized by Export Inspection Agency-Chennai
- Awareness programme on "National/Importing countries requirements for Health Certification of F&FP export" to be organized by Export Inspection Agency-Chennai

For more information may click:- Outreach Programme Calendar 2023-24 by visiting <https://www.eicindia.gov.in/WebApp/pages/menuinfo/newsAndEvents.xhtml>

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