



# EXPORT INSPECTION COUNCIL

Assuring Quality and Food Safety of Exports from India



## Chairman's Corner

As we present Issue 3, Volume I of the Export Inspection Council's quarterly newsletter, I am filled with optimism about our collective journey in the export industry. Our commitment to fostering effective communication and knowledge sharing is more critical than ever. Your contributions and feedback are invaluable, and I encourage each of you to actively engage with the content and share your perspectives.



In this issue, we will explore key developments, innovative practices, and upcoming initiatives that aim to enhance our export capabilities. Together, let's continue to strengthen our impact and navigate the challenges ahead with confidence.

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

## Director's Corner

I am delighted to welcome you to Issue 3, Volume I of our quarterly newsletter, and a reflection of our unwavering dedication to transparency and knowledge-sharing with in the export community. In today's fast-paced digital world, staying informed is essential for success. Our newsletter aims to bridge the information gap, providing you with essential insights into the dynamic realm of exports. As we navigate the complexities of international trade, fostering a sense of community is more important than ever. I encourage you to share your thoughts and feedback as we strive to make this platform even more valuable. Together, we can continue to build a strong network that supports our collective growth and success.



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## Regulatory Updates

### Pesticide Residue Maximum Residue Level (MRL) in Rice for Export to European Union (EU) and Great Britain (GB)



<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:AP:e311e428-6b1b-4173-a96e-ec88df99527f?viewer%21megaVerb=group-discover>



**Great Britain:** <https://secure.pesticides.gov.uk/MRLs/search>

**European Union:** <https://ec.europa.eu/food/plant/pesticides/eu-pesticides-database/start/screen/mrls>

## Global Developments

### Key Outputs of EIC/EIAs

- Market access to Fish and Fishery products to People's Republic of China:** The export of fish and fishery products is notified vide GOI Order and Notification [S.O. 729 \(E\)](#) and [S.O. 730 \(E\)](#) Dated 21-08-1995, on the basis of which the establishments processing fish and fishery products meant for export are being approved and monitored or consignments are being inspected by the Competent Authority Export Inspection Agencies (EIAs) established under Section 7 of The Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963. As a result of the initiatives and ongoing efforts by the Export Inspection Council, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, China's General Administration of Customs (GACC) has granted market access for the export of key fish species from India, including *Pampus chinensis* (Chinese pomfret), *Pampus argenteus* (silver pomfret), and *Scylla serrata* (mud crab). 
- Market access to Milk and Milk Products to Russian Federation:** The export of Milk and Milk Products is notified vide GOI Order and Notification [S.O. 4031\(E\)](#) and [S.O. 4032\(E\)](#) both dated 09.11.2020, on the basis of which the establishments processing milk products meant for export are being approved and monitored or consignments are being inspected by the Competent Authority Export Inspection Agencies (EIAs) established under Section 7 of The Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963. Through consistent efforts and negotiations, the official control system of EIC has gained recognition of one more establishment from the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Supervision (FSVPS) and is listed on the FSVPS website. 

### Engagements of EIC/EIA's

- Dr. Anoop A Krishnan, Assistant Director (Technical), EIA-Kochi attended the 25th plenary meeting of ISO/TC 34 'Food Products' in Saitama, Japan, held during 18-19 January, 2024 as part of five member delegation from India.
- Dr. Vinay Kumar, Assistant Director, EIA-Kochi and Sh. Chirag Gadi, Technical Officer, EIC attended a Four days training programme on "Food Safety Risk Analysis" organized by European Commission (HADEA) under Better Training for Safer Food (BTSF) Initiative at Jakarta, Indonesia during 24-27 June, 2024.
- On September 14, 2024, a One Day Seminar on Food Microbiology Testing was held in Kolkata, organized by EIA-Kolkata in collaboration with FSSAI, BIS, and NABL. The event featured a keynote address by Dr. Bertrand Lombard, Chair of ISO/TC34/SC9 Food Products Microbiology, delivered virtually. Approximately 100 participants from various sectors, including export, import, academia and food processing attended the program.
- Sh. Anghuman Saha attended technical meeting on Media performance check organized by ISO/TC34/SC9/JWG05 on 05.09.2024 by virtual mode.



### EIC participation in Codex

- Dr. J. S. Reddy, Additional Director, EIC and Dr. Anoop A Krishnan participated in the 27th Session of Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems (CCFICS27) held in Cairns, Australia from 16 to 20 September, 2024. Dr. J.S. Reddy, leading the Indian delegation presented new work proposal for development of guidance on Appeal mechanism emphasizing the need for a uniform appeal process to ensure fair practices in food trade. The proposal received support from various member countries, and the committee agreed to take it forward.



## Publications



<https://doi.org/10.3390/foods12040705>



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## Capacity Building/Outreach Programs

- EIC in collaboration with Federation of Indian Export Organizations (FIEO) conducted an "Online Session on EXIM Opportunities & Rules of Origin under India-Australia ECTA" on **25, June 2024**.
- EIC in collaboration with FIEO conducted an "Online Session on "EXIM Opportunities & Rules of Origin under India-UAE CEPA" on **30, July 2024**
- The Export Inspection Council (EIC) participated in the '**World Food India - 2024**' organized by the Ministry of Food Processing at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi during 19 - 22 September, 2024. The EIC participated by setting up a stall in the event. There were around 800 plus footfall at stall. EIC through Posters, Brochures, Video clips, demonstrated the services of the EIC to visitors including foreign importers, Indian exporters/traders, processors, students from colleges and research institutes and public.
- The EIC participated in the **Global Food Regulator Summit (GFRS) - 2024** organized by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) during 19-20 September 2024 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. Shri. N.Palanikumar, Assistant Director from EIC participated in the regional conclave as part of GFRS 2024 on the topic "Enhancing Regional Collaboration in International Standard Setting for members of CCASIA"
- EIA-Delhi organized **Training cum Awareness program** for approved establishment of Milk & Milk products, Honey, Egg & Egg Products, Poultry Meat & Meat products, Animal casing as per requirements of schemes & implementation of traceability module on 28.08.2024.
- Capacity Building in Seafood Sector:** As part of outreach programs of EIC, EIA Kochi, EIA Chennai and EIA Sub office Mangalore conducted five capacity-building programs during June and July 2024, focusing on fishery regulations of importing countries, HACCP, and microbiological testing. These sessions were designed to train technologists on export standards and ensure the safety of seafood exports, which benefited a total of 170 technologists.
- Capacity Building in Laboratory Ecosystem:** As part of capacity building, EIC has organized seventeen capacity building programs from April to September 2024, including hands on practical sessions focusing on analysis of various emerging residue and contaminants in various food commodities at its International Training Centre for Food Safety & Applied Nutrition (ITCFSAN), Mumbai which benefited a total of 900 laboratory analysts.

## Upcoming Events/Training Programs

- Technologist Training program on Microbiological and Chemical testing, GOI notification, EIC executive instruction and regulation of importing countries for Black Pepper - October 2024 by EIA-Kochi
- Technologist Training program on GOI notification, EIC executive instruction and regulation of importing countries of Milk & Milk Products, Poultry Products, Egg Products, Black Pepper, VCS and Fruits Products- Nov 2024 by EIA-Kochi
- Technologist Training program on Microbiological and Chemical testing, GOI notification, EIC executive instruction and regulation of importing countries of Fish and Fishery products- December 2024 by EIA-Kochi
- Training-cum-Awareness program for Exporters on executive instruction of Voluntary Certification Scheme, Feed Additives & Premixtures- October 2024 by EIA-Delhi.
- Training-cum-Awareness program with Exporters of Basmati Rice / Approved unit / CWI for sampling mycotoxins as per Commission Regulation (EC) No 401/2006 & implementation of Executive Instruction of Basmati Rice- October 2024 by EIA-Delhi

For more information may click- Outreach Programme Calendar 2024-25 by visiting <https://www.eicindia.gov.in/WebApp/pages/menuInfo/newsAndEvents.xhtml>

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