

ANNEX 4A

EXPORT INSPECTION COUNCIL CERTIFICATION

Article 1 General Provisions

1. The Parties agree that this Annex on certificates issued by EIC as per its certification system shall facilitate trade between the Parties.
2. The Parties recognise the importance of improving market access opportunities and that Parties operate different certification systems.
3. The Parties note that verification or audit of the Listed Products is conducted before the products are released for exports.
4. The Parties agree that there will be a reduced level of inspection of consignments on arrival at ports of entry for the Listed Products.

Article 2 Definitions

For the purpose of this Annex, the following definitions apply:

“EIC” means Export Inspection Council set up by the Government of India under Section 3 of The Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963;

“Official Certificates” mean the certificates issued by EIC through its field offices i.e. Export Inspection Agencies, as per its certification system and *Appendix I*, as amended from time to time; and

“Listed Products” means products listed in *Appendix I*, as amended from time to time.

Article 3 Scope

1. This Annex applies to the products listed in *Appendix I* and covers the recognition of EIC's export inspection and certification system and Official Certificates as issued by EIC with respect to the Listed Products, by the competent authority of the other Party with a view to facilitate trade and avoid unnecessary testing and inspection.

2. Except in duly justified circumstances, for the requirements certified in the health certificate issued by EIC, there will be no further testing for those requirements at the port of arrival.
3. The competent authority of the other Party shall immediately notify EIC whenever a consignment exported with EIC's certificate is found to be non-compliant with the requirements certified in the certificate issued by EIC.

Article 4 **Audit and Inspection**

The competent authority of the other Party, if required, may request EIC for audit of its export certification system in respect of Listed Products in accordance with Article 4.8 (Audit, Certification and Import Checks - Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures).

Article 5 **Transparency, Information Exchange and Cooperation**

1. EIC and the competent authority of the other Party shall aim to cooperate and communicate to the fullest practicable extent their requirements as well as any changes in their requirements that may be applicable under this Annex and have an effect on the operation of this Annex. This shall include, but not be limited to, legislations, regulations, policies, procedures and guidelines concerning enforcement and inspection.
2. In circumstances where the competent authority of the other Party intends to discontinue acceptance and recognition of the Official Certificates issued by EIC for Listed Products, it shall notify EIC of the same immediately, along with the rationale and justification of such intention. On request, the competent authorities of the other Party shall engage in discussions with EIC with the aim to continue acceptance and recognition of Official Certificates issued by EIC.

APPENDIX I

List of the Products

1. For the purpose of this Annex, Appendix I enlists the products for which an EIC certificate shall be accepted by the competent authorities of Oman as proof of compliance with the applicable SPS requirements and the notifications of the Government of India, as amended from time to time, which mandate EIC to provide relevant certificates.
2. The certificates issued by certifying officers approved by India for raw/live fish and fishery products (other than processed fish & fishery products) only, shall be accepted by Oman as valid certificates for the export of such products, upon an official acceptance by the competent authority in Oman of the list of certifying officers, including any subsequent changes in the list, shared by India for such purpose. The list of certifying officers shall also include the qualifications and specimen signature for each officer.
3. List of products under the mandate of the EIC is as follows:

S. No.	Products	Notification No.
1	Fish & Fishery Products	Certificate as per Notification No. S.O. 730(E) of Government of India dated 21-08-1995 and S.O.478 (E) dated 01-05-2002
2	Milk and Milk Products	Certificate as per Notification No. S.O. 4032(E) of Government of India dated 09-11-2020
3	Egg and Egg Products	Certificate as per Notification No. S.O. 4369(E) of Government of India dated 15-09-2021
4	Honey	Certificate as per Notification No. S.O. 277(E) of Government of India dated 04-03-2002
5	Fruits and Vegetables Products	Certificate as per Notification No. S.O. 3353(E) of Government of India dated 28-10-2016
6	Animal Casing	Certificate as per Notification No. S.O. 2948(E) of Government of India dated 03-11-1997
7	Crushed bones, Ossein and Gelatine	Certificate as per Notification No. S.O. 726(E) of Government of India dated 03-04-2012

S. No.	Products	Notification No.
8	Feed additives and Premixtures	Certificate as per Notification No. S.O. 3524(E) of Government of India dated 28-11-2013
9	Poultry meat and Poultry meat products	Certificate as per Notification No. S.O. 1378(E) of Government of India dated 30-12-2002
10	Black Pepper	Certificate as per Notification No. S.O. 245 of Government of India dated 07-03-1988