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Sub: UK Regulation 2025 No. 1162 "The Official Controls (Import of High-Risk Food and Feed of Non-animal Origin) (Amendment of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793) (England) Regulations 2025 - Requirements of official certificate for Export of Spices and Spice Products to the United Kingdom w.e.f. 1st January 2026 - reg

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Government of the United Kingdom has notified Regulation 2025 No.1162, "The Official Controls (Import of High-Risk Food and Feed of Non-animal Origin) (England) Regulations 2025" dated 3rd November 2025, amending Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 concerning the temporary increase of official controls and emergency measures governing the entry of certain goods into the Great Britain from third countries. This regulation will come into force on 1st January 2026. A copy of the notification is attached herewith for information.

The following are the major changes in the regulation compared with the earlier Regulation (EU) 2024/1169 dt. 18th November 2024.

1. The terms "Codes from the Combined Nomenclature (CN) codes and TARIC sub-divisions" in the Annexes are substituted with "commodity code"
2. The major changes in Schedule 1 include an increase in the frequency of physical and identity checks for nutmeg, mace and cardamoms. The residues of anthraquinone is also included in addition to Pesticide Residue & EtO for nutmeg, mace & cardamoms increasing the frequency checks to 50% in the UK entry ports (BCPs).
3. The Consignments of spices and spice products specified in Schedule 2 (Annex II) are subject to special conditions governing their entry into the Great Britain. The following spices and spice products have been included in Annex II, along with the associated hazards, are as follows:
 - (a) Ginger, saffron, turmeric, thyme, bay leaves, curry powder, and other spices classified under HS code 0910 have been moved from Schedule 1 to



Schedule 2. As a result, these products now require an analytical report for pesticide residues listed in the control programme adopted in accordance with Article 29(2) of Regulation (EC) No 396/2005, and ethylene oxide (EtO). In addition, the frequency of checks at UK entry ports (BCPs) has been increased to 20%.

- (b) Seeds of anise, badian, fennel, coriander, cumin or caraway; juniper berries under the HS code 909 have been transferred from Schedule 1 to Schedule 2 requiring analytical report for Pesticide Residues listed in the control programme adopted in accordance with article 29(2) of Regulation (EC) of 396/2005 including residues of Picoxystrobin and Trichlorfon. The frequency of checks at BCPs is increased to 20%.

Spices Board has taken up the matter with the authorities concerned to seek clarification regarding the date of implementation of the new requirements. Also, the Board has initiated necessary steps to extend Pesticide Residue testing for seeds of anise, badian, fennel, coriander, cumin or caraway; juniper berries, ginger, saffron, turmeric, thyme, bay leaves, curry powders and other spices exported to the UK as required by the UK regulations. Till these products are put in place under mandatory sampling & testing programme, the Board proposes the following actions, to facilitate the exporters of spices & spice products.:

- (i) As an interim arrangement, requests for testing consignments of the spices listed under points 3(a) and 3(b) of this advisory will be accepted as non-mandatory samples for testing of Pesticide Residue & EtO, and analytical reports will be issued accordingly. Based on the cleared analytical report the Board will facilitate the issuance of Official Certificate.
- (ii) The exporters are advised to select **Pesticide X & EtO** as non-mandatory for products such as ginger, saffron, turmeric, thyme, bay leaves, curry powder, and other spices classified under HS code 0910, seeds spices such as anise, badian, fennel, coriander, cumin or caraway; juniper berries under the HS code 909, for further sampling & testing.
- (iii) In such cases, the Board will arrange for samplers to draw samples for further testing, in accordance with the procedure adopted for mandatory sampling and testing. The decision of the Board shall be final, and no further

review or appeal mechanism will be applicable for the products selected as non-mandatory samples.

(iv) In the case of Consignments of cumin, ginger, turmeric & curry powder / masalas (HS Code 910) which are already Cleared for hazard as applicable, but not tested for Pesticide Residue (PR) and NOT shipped:

In the case of the consignment of cumin, ginger, turmeric & curry powders / Masalas, which are sampled and cleared for export but pending for shipment, the exporter may avail the facility of testing Pesticide Residue & EtO using record samples from Spices Board. Issuance of official certificate will be considered subject to cleared analytical report for Pesticide Residue & EtO. In such cases, following procedure may be followed for obtaining the Official Certificate:

- (a) A written request for testing Pesticide Residue & EtO in accordance with UK regulation 2025 No.1162 by the Exporter shall be sent to the respective SRD, Spices Board
- (b) Upon receipt of request from the Exporter, the counter samples (AS1) will be used for testing PR / EtO, if available. If the counter sample is not available with Spices Board, the exporter shall handover the sample which was given to exporter at the time of sampling. If the samples are available with Spices Board or the Exporter, the SRD concerned shall generate link in FAS of the Board for arranging required testing fee. Upon successful payment, the samples will be considered for further testing.
- (c) Sample found tampered will not be considered for testing of PR.
- (d) If no counter sample is available with either Spices Board or Exporter, the Exporter has to place new intimation for all the applicable parameters under mandatory testing and PR & EtO.

Therefore, all the exporters of Spices & Spices products to the UK are hereby advised to plan the shipping schedules accordingly and also to exercise due diligence for compliance with the new requirements.

This advisory is issued under the provisions of Spices Board Act 1986 & Spices Board (Registration of Exporters) Regulations, 1989.


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To All Exporters of Spices & Spice Products

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