

ADVISORY FOR EXPORTES OF VEGETABLES

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Sub : Saudi Arabia reports serious deviation from the standards of MRLs detected in okra and pepper (chilli) consignments shipped from India

APEDA has received from the Embassy of India in Saudi Arabia serious concerns expressed by Ministry of Agriculture of the Government of Royal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, serious deviations in the residues of pesticides detected in consignments of okra and pepper (chilli) shipped from India recently.

It may be noted that Saudi Arabia follows the same MRLs as the harmonized system followed in the European Union in accordance with Council Regulation No. 148/2009 which is already hosted on the home page of APEDA web site.

The Government of the Royal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has cautioned that any recurrence of such deviation would invite stronger action regarding the entry of shipment from India.

In view of the above facts, all exporters of horticulture produce in general and vegetables in particular are advised to strictly adhere to the EU MRLs and refrain from making any shipments unless the product is tested through APEDA recognized laboratories and the report is negative vis-a-vis EU MRLS. The EU MRLs for okra and chilli pepper are attached with this advisory for ready reference.



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