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**Agricultural and Processed Food Products
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Subject:- New requirements for export of Processed and Frozen Vegetables and Fruits to Saudi Arabia

The Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia has informed that in view of their interest to reduce the percentage of pesticide residues in food to less than 2%, and in view of the results that showed an excess in the permitted percentage of pesticide residues in the consignments of processed and frozen vegetables and fruits from exporting countries including India, the Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA) has requested the competent control authorities responsible for supervising the facilities and farms in India, to adhere to the following:-

- The competent control authority should prepare a corrective action plan to reduce pesticide contamination of products, and send it to SFDA
- The competent control authority should comply with SFDS requirements mentioned in the health certificate (enclosed), which will be applied to the consignments of processed and frozen vegetables and fruits within a period not exceeding 1.7.2018.
- A certificate stating the conformity of products to the permissible limits for pesticide residues obtained from an approved laboratory, should be attached with effect from 1.6.2018.



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-To provide SFDA with a list of approved facilities that are subjected to periodic monitoring for the manufacture of frozen and processed vegetables and fruits in the country of origin, in order to consider the possibility of their inclusion in the list of the facilities approved by SFDA, within a period not exceeding 1.6.2018.

-The source of the processed and frozen vegetables and fruits should be the farms that are monitored by the control authority in the country of origin, and there should be a certificate (Global GAP) from an internationally recognized authority.

-The competent control authorities in the exporting countries should provide SFDA with detailed plans for the national programme of pesticide residues including (sampling, pesticides subjected to analysis, and results of analysis).

-Filling out the enclosed questionnaire for vegetable and fruit processing facilities.

-Filling out the enclosed questionnaire for farms of all processed vegetables and fruits.

All concerned exporters of processed and frozen vegetables and fruits exporting to Saudi Arabia are advised to strictly comply with the requirements informed by SFDA as mentioned above.

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