

ADVISORY FOR EXPORTERS OF FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES TO EU

Dear Exporters

Consequent upon the visit of two successive EU-FVO Missions to India in November, 2011 and April, 2014, European Union (EU) have raised serious concerns regarding interceptions of harmful organisms in fresh fruits and vegetables export to EU and have threatened to take further stern action (including ban) unless the situation improves. In response to the observations of EU, NPPO India has assured EU that India is fully committed to provide safe and pest free export of fresh fruits and vegetables to the EU and all necessary steps are being taken in this direction. India has committed that w.e.f. 1st April, 2014, the export of fresh fruits and vegetables to the EU would be routed through APEDA approved pack houses where in inspections, examinations/testing of export consignments will be conducted at approved pack houses under the supervision of Plant Quarantine personnel.

APEDA regional offices have already conducted extensive sensitization programs to apprise the trade about the impending scenario and have been advised to gear up to meet the requirements.

Exporters are, therefore, advised that effective 1st April, 2014 exports of fresh fruits and vegetables to EU would be routed through APEDA recognized pack houses only. NPPO will not issue phytosanitary certificate for export consignments which do not meet the above requirement.

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