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To all APEDA registered grape exporters,

APEDA under Component 5 of its Scheme of Quality Development, provides financial assistance to exporters for reimbursement of 50% of the cost upto a ceiling of Rs.5,000/- per sample for testing of samples in cases where residue monitoring activity being implemented by APEDA. Residue Monitoring activity for export of grapes to the EU is monitored through the GrapeNet system.

Since the testing system stabilized over the years under the GrapeNet system, it was decided to discontinue the scheme w.e.f. 15.1.2010. However, APEDA has been consistently receiving requests from the Grape Exporters' Association of India (GEAI) as well as the exporters for restoration of the financial assistance for testing of grape sample especially in view of the large increase in the number of agro chemicals to be tested resulting in much higher levels of expenditure being incurred by the exporters. It has been mentioned that as against 98 chemicals that were being tested earlier by exporters during the 2010 season, the number of chemicals now stands at 174 plus isomers/metabolites of some of them adding up to 224 and, therefore, the cost of testing has also gone up considerably.

In light of the above, APEDA has decided to restore the financial assistance for grape exports to EU for the 2012 grape season and the same will be available to APEDA registered exporters subject to the conditions that:

- (a) the export shipment is be routed through the GrapeNet system;
- (b) the assistance will be at 50% of the cost of testing subject to a ceiling of Rs.5,000/- per sample and will be available on reimbursement basis;
- (c) the assistance will be available only for testing of the first sample from a particular farm. In the event of any re-sampling, the entire cost will have to be borne by the exporter; and,
- (d) the application will have to be filed in the prescribed FAS format by the applicants and sent to APEDA so as to reach by 30.09.2012.

Penalties and Rejections on Late Submission

In case of delay in submission of applications for assistance beyond the above prescribed date mentioned above, the following penalties shall be imposed:

	Period of Delay	Penalty cut in % of admissible assistance
(a)	Applications received after prescribed date but within 30 days from the prescribed date.	5%
(b)	Applications received from 31 days to 60 days of the prescribed date.	10%
(c)	Applications received from 61 days to 90 days of the prescribed date.	20%
(d)	Applications received after 90 days of the prescribed date shall not be accepted	Total Rejection

The exporters are requested to submit the applications to APEDA accordingly for reimbursement of testing charges for export of grapes to the EU during 2012 grape season. Detailed procedure for claiming the financial assistance under the Scheme is being issued separately.

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